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THE FULL OFFICIAL VERSION OF THE PEACE TERMS CONFIRMS THAT THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY THE FINNISH DELEGATION IN MOSCOW.

It shows that cession of the Karelian Isthmus includes the town of Viborg, Viborg Bay and islands in the bay.

The exact extent of Finland's concessions is shown on the accompanying map but the written terms state that the Soviet Union will include territory north and west of Lake Ladoga, with the towns of Kexholm, Sortavala and Tahmajaervi, a number of islands in the Gulf of Finland, the territory of Maerkajaervi, including Kuolajaervi, and parts of the Peninsula of Ribachi and Sredny.

OLD SCHOOL TIE SUPREME IN ARMY?

London, To-day.

Democratisation of the Army was criticised from two conflicting points of view during the debate on the Army estimates.

Mr. Lees-Smith (Labour) urged that all men in the ranks be given equal chances of reaching commissioned rank. Although officially that was the case, there was a feeling in the country that "the old school tie" was still the paramount consideration.

Brig.-General Spears declared that democratisation was having a fatal effect. Sergeants were now in full charge of platoons, which formerly were under junior officers. He thought that there should be extensive recruitment of second lieutenants.

MR. STANLEY'S REPLY

Mr. Stanley, replying, expressed the opinion that a sergeant might be more efficient in many circumstances than an officer straight out of his training school.

He asserted, in reply to Mr. Lees-Smith, that the new system was working fairly well and that a great many of the new officers did not come from the so-called public school.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST—North-east winds, moderate to fresh; fair.

The contracting parties undertake to refrain from acts of aggression against each other and from concluding alliances directed against either party.

The 30-year lease of Hangoe against an annual rental of eight million Finnish marks includes a number of neighbouring islands. Finland agrees to withdraw her forces from Hangoe within 10 days.

NO NAVY FOR FINLAND

Finland agrees not to keep in the waters of the Arctic Ocean naval and other vessels exceeding 100 tons each and not more than 15 naval or other vessels exceeding 400 tons each, and will refrain from establishing naval bases and shipyards in excess of those required for the above-mentioned ships.

Free transit across Petsamo is confirmed and the agreement states that the Kandalaksha-Kemijaervi railway is to facilitate the Soviet's right of transit traffic with Sweden.

The treaty comes into force immediately and documents of ratification will be exchanged within 10 days.

The Soviet evacuation of the Petsamo district will be completed by April 10.—Reuter.

Did Chamberlain Speech Ever Reach Delegates?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day. While Finnish circles in London were looking forward to the effect of Mr. Chamberlain's speech on the peace discussions, a pessimistic note was sounded by one Finnish observer, who said that nothing of any real effect had yet been reached by the Finnish delegation in Moscow.

MOSCOW, TO-DAY.

The delegation was under close supervision and the Soviet press and radio made absolutely no mention of the speech.—Havas.

Less Harsh Than Feared!

Paris, To-day. Announcement of the Finnish peace terms has not surprised official circles.

It is stated the terms are less harsh than was feared and the Allies could claim that their attitude had probably been an important factor in moderating the Russian terms.—Reuter.

Stalin Turns On His Smile

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day. Stalin is reported to have shown great friendship to M. Ryti, the leader of the Finnish delegation, informing

GERMANY CONSCRIPTING BOYHOOD

Berlin, To-day. Germany has now entered upon a new phase of conscription.

All males between the ages of 10 and 18 are now to enter compulsorily the Hitler Youth organisations.

Youths between 17 and 18 will be given preliminary military training.—Reuter.

DUTCH TANKER SUNK

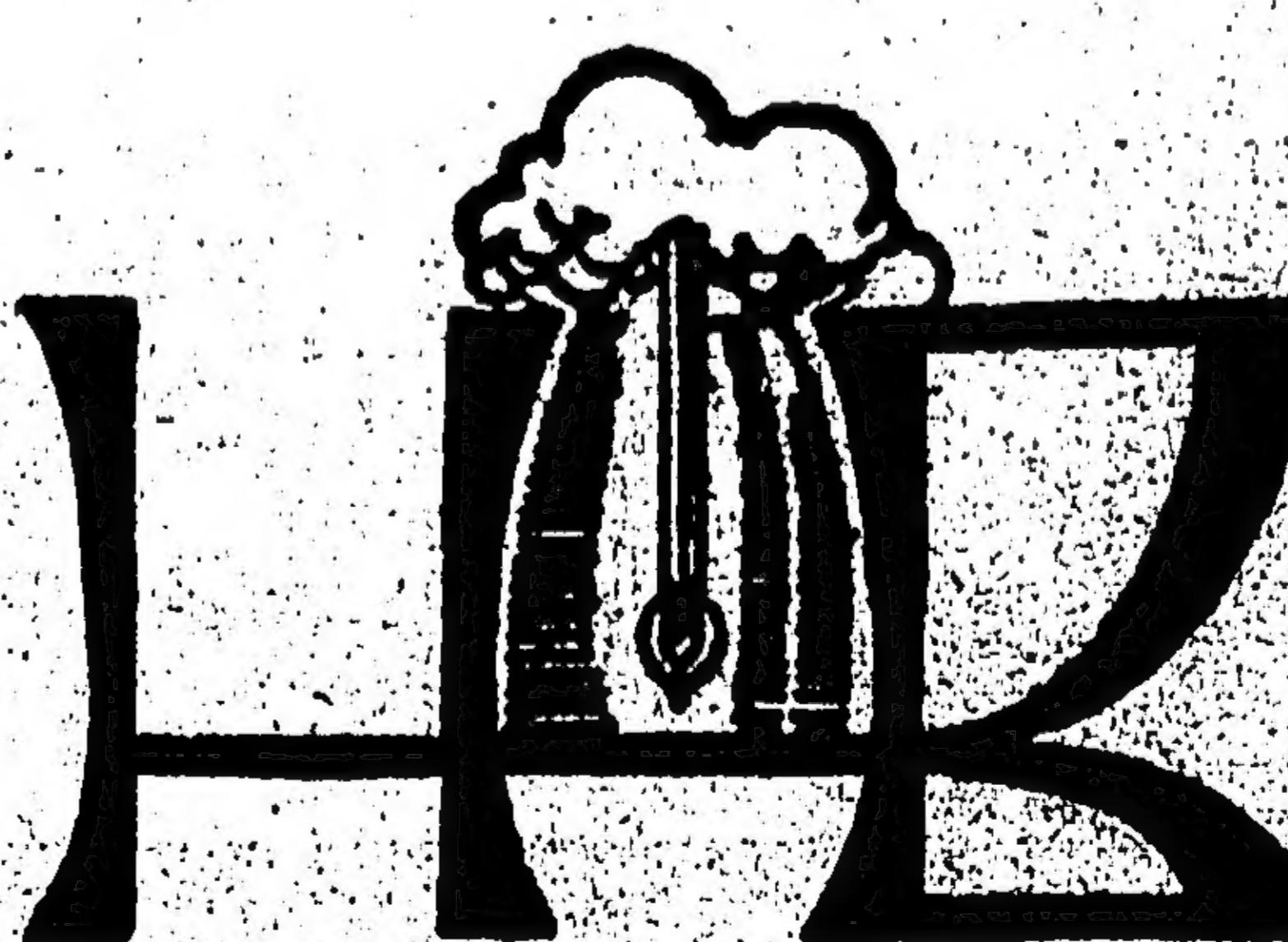
London, To-day. Latest Dutch victim of German action is the 7,000-ton tanker, Orillot.

All of her crew of 42 are safe aboard a British warship.

Some 93,000 tons of Dutch shipping have now been sunk with 217 seamen killed.—Reuter.

him that if he had led the delegation before the war it might have been avoided.—Havas.

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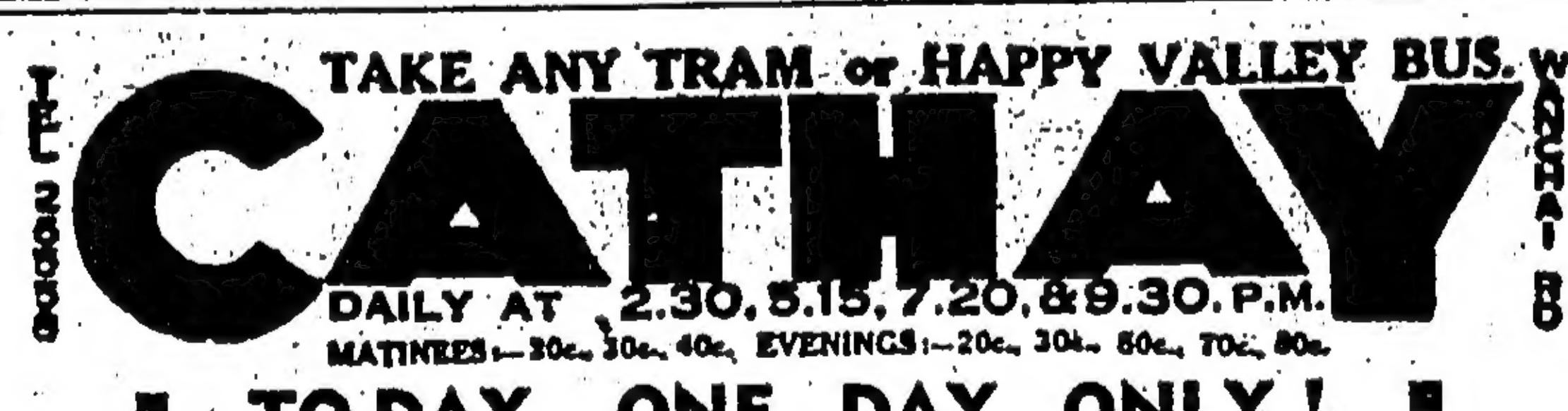
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FIRST-HAND VIEW OF SITUATION IN FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

INTERESTING COMMENTS were made yesterday to the Belgian Press by Prince Rene Bourbon, of the Luxembourg Royal Family, who has been visiting European capitals at the request of Field-Marshal Mannerheim.

He thought it was no exaggeration to say that since the war began the Soviets had lost 600,000 men; in comparison, Finland's losses were tiny. The Finns took every advantage of the terrain and their defences, while the Soviet artillery was extremely inaccurate.

The Russian provisioning system, he went on, showed neither "sense nor system," while the percentage of Russians ill was "enormous."

"I fully confirm the fact that the Russian do not even trouble to gather in their wounded," he continued. "Thousands of poor devils, whom ordinary care would have saved, have died in the snow."

Soviet cavalry, infantry and tank attacks across the ice of Lake Ladoga ended in massacres, for the Russians were under heavy fire from Finnish machine-guns and heavy artillery, which broke up square miles of the ice, entire Soviet companies disappearing into the freezing water.

His own opinion was that there would be no truce and that the conditions now laid down by the Soviets will not be accepted by Helsinki.—Havas.

KARL MARX JIBE

Brussels, To-day. The newspaper "Vooruit" asks "Has Karl Marx been annexed by his blood foes, the burners of his Capital?" Why not?

"Since August the Bolsheviks and Nazis have been friends and the common foes of the Socialists."—Reuter.

CANTON AND WANG

Canton, To-day. The Canton delegation to the forthcoming meeting in Nanking of the newly-formed "central political council," left here by air this morning.

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TUNG ON TO RETURN PART OF CAPITAL

A PETITION FOR THE REDUCTION OF THE CAPITAL OF THE TUNG ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, FROM \$2,500,000 TO \$2,000,000 WAS GRANTED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING.

Mr. D. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. P. Y. Woo, made the application and said that the Company was formed in 1926, with a capital of \$2,500,000 all of which was fully paid up, for the purpose of running a service between Hong Kong and river ports.

Last year's balance sheet showed an excess of assets over liabilities to the extent of \$613,018 though trading showed a small deficit.

It was decided, not to make any further investment and with cash in hand it was desired to return to the shareholders part of their capital.

BOGUS COLLECTORS

Two Chinese youths were before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for obtaining money by false pretences.

Det. Sergeant V. Morrison said defendants went to Mrs. Cheung Yuk-man at 324, Lockhart Road, representing that they were authorised to collect subscriptions on behalf of the China Youth Society.

One youth, who had a previous conviction, was fined \$50 or one month, while the other was fined \$20 or 14 days' imprisonment.

CONTRACTOR FINED

Hung Kai, of 63, Wellington Street, a building contractor, was fined \$250 at Kowloon this morning for an offence under the Buildings Ordinance.

Mr. P. Morgan, of the P.W.D., told the court that he visited two houses in course of erection in Nga Tsin Loog Road, Shamshui Po, on Sunday morning and found concrete floors being laid in which the steel reinforcement was far below specification.

The Court, in addition to the fine, ordered demolition of the work done.

FAILED TO NOTIFY CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. Charles Edward Clarke of No. 17, Ho Mui Tin Hill, Kowloon Tong, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning for failing to notify a change of his address within the prescribed period on February 1.

Sergeant Hill said defendant formerly resided at the Knutsford Hotel. It was not until three weeks later that the Police found defendant's new address.

A fine of \$5 was imposed.

INJURED BY GANG

Yan Po-wah, 26, was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital with serious injuries as the result of an attack by a gang in Sai Wan Ho last night.

MAKE THEM FIGHT

Fight the Germans. Force the Germans to fight us. You can't starve them into surrender, but by continual raiding you will force them to use up their strength.

Mr. L. S. Amery, former Dominions Secretary, Colonial Secretary, and First Lord of the Admiralty, making that appeal to "make the enemy fight" in a speech at Birkbeck College, London, said:

"Germany want a maximum period of quietness; interspersed with lightning strokes, to seize neutral areas as hostages or bargaining factors.

PROVOKE RETALIATION

"Continual raiding of Germany would provoke retaliatory measures against this country, which would use up still more material as well as strengthen the determination of our people.

"Raids on Germany would shake the confidence of the people of Germany in Hitler, and would disorganise their national life and be worth many victories in the field.

"A blockade alone would never bring about Germany's defeat; and it would be an illusion on our part to think that we can starve Germany into surrender.

"There may be shortages in Germany depressing the people; but Germany has enough food for as long a war as we have."

NAZIS NEED MATERIALS

"But she has not nearly enough raw materials for the terrific demands of a modern mechanised war."

Later Mr. Amery expanded this theme.

"Britain's air policy," he told a political correspondent, "should be to force the Germans to fight and to use up their petrol."

"By raiding the German bases and factories we shall destroy the Nazi legend that the Führer can protect his people against bombs. Right from the beginning of the war, the Germans have conserved their petrol resources. It should be our aim to compel them to draw heavily on those reserves."

"A much more aggressive air policy is needed by this country. I frankly do not understand why we have hitherto refrained from raiding enemy territory."

NAZI LINERS TO STAY STRANDED

Tokyo, To-day. The Japanese Government is not considering transferring the registry of several German merchant vessels now in Japanese ports to Japanese nationality, Mr. Fujiwara told an interpellator in the Lower House.

The idea was dropped because of "Technical difficulties," he explained, the British Government having announced that it will not recognize any such transfers made since the outbreak of the European war.—Havas.

GIRL FINED FOR OFFENCE IN HARBOUR

For unlawfully boarding the s.s. Utsuri yesterday, a 20-year-old Chinese girl, was fined \$50 or two months' hard labour by Commander G. F. Hole at the Marine Court this morning.

Accused admitted a previous conviction for a similar offence.

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SELL-OUT TO JAPAN

Eight More Agreements With Puppets Disclosed

MONOPOLISTIC AND RAPACIOUS

EIGHT MORE "SELL-OUT" agreements purporting to have been signed by Wang and his puppets and the Japanese have been revealed through Central News by Kao Tsung-wu and Tao Hsi-sheng. Formerly close friends of Wang, Kao and Tao recently sprang into prominence when, on January 22, they released the text of another secret agreement which Wang Ching-wei ineffectively tried to refute.

The eight agreements now released were, according to Kao and Tao, concluded between Liang Hung-chih, the puppet government's "President of the Executive Yuan" and other puppets and the Japanese, and were sent by the latter to Wang Ching-wei, who "duly approved" them.

The full text of these agreements is revealed by Kao and Tao, and present an amazing picture of the monopoly-controlled China that the Japanese are trying to establish.

Under the agreement, the puppet companies, controlled, of course, by the Japanese, will have a monopoly of "all national defence resources, min-

ing, railways, aviation, telegraphs, telephones, water and electric supplies, and municipal reconstruction."

In the words of Central News, "the methods to be employed for control and development are not only monopolistic but also anti-foreign, not only fraudulent but also rapacious, not only economic but also military in nature."

"FACTS ACCOMPLISHED"

Central News continues that the agreements "are apparently what the Japanese referred to in the Wang Ching-wei/Japan secret agreement as 'facts accomplished' and form the concrete programmes for establishing a zone of strongest Sino-Japanese economic solidarity in the lower Yangtze River" as mentioned in the same secret document.

The new documents released by Kao and Tao are headed as follows:

1. Fundamental points concerning the administration and exploitation of the important national defence mineral resources in Central China. Signed, November 30, 1938.

2. Fundamental points concerning the establishment of the Central China Iron Mining Co., Ltd. Signed, August 27, 1938.

3. Fundamental points concerning the establishment of the Central China Railway Co., Ltd. (No date or signatures).

4. Fundamental points for the establishment of the Central China Aviation Corp., Ltd. Signed, December 10, 1938.

5. Fundamental points for the establishment of the Central China Telecommunications Corp., Ltd. Signed, August 8, 1938.

6. Fundamental points for the establishment of the Central China Water and Electric Co., Ltd. Signed, August 9, 1938.

7. Fundamental points for the establishment of the Shanghai Permanent Property Co., Ltd. (provisional name). Signed, September 7, 1938.

8. Articles of agreement concerning the direction and supervision of the Joint Sino-Japanese Company under the Central China Development Company's investment. Signed, December 15, 1938, by Harada, director of the Japanese Army's Special Service; Nomura, director of the Japanese Navy's Special Service; Godo, acting Japanese Consul-General, Shanghai; Liang Hung-chi, president of Executive Yuan; Chen Chuan, Minister of Interior; Jen Yuan-tao, Minister of Proliferation; Wang Tse-hui, Minister of Industry; and Chiang Hung-chi, Minister of Communications.

GENERAL TENURE

Space precludes the giving of the entire text of each agreement. One or two extracts, however, should be sufficient to show the general tenor.

For instance, Art. VI of Agreement 8, covering the railways, provides that "with the exception of those of the company, the Government shall take necessary actions of refuse recognition

of any other undertakings in railway reconstruction for general transportation purposes, or any motor transportation enterprise on the principal routes."

No mention is made of foreign creditors' rights.

Agreement 4, Art. I, gives the company a "monopoly of China's aviation enterprises. (aeroplane manufacture included. But special provisions shall be made regarding the air services operated in China by the Japanese Aviation Corporation and the Manchuria Aviation Corporation."

No mention is made of the American-backed China National Aviation Corporation or the German-backed Eurasia Air Corporation.

Art. H of this same agreement provides that "the Japanese Army and Navy shall provide the company with personnel and materials, lend the use of aerodromes and extend other assistance necessary for operation."

TELE-COMMUNICATIONS

Under Art. VI of Agreement 5, "The Reformed Government shall not approve of any new tele-communication enterprises apart from those undertaken by the Corporation and shall, after the inauguration of the Corporation, take necessary steps to bring all enterprises of a similar nature other than those owned by the Government under the control of the Corporation by incorporation, purchase or other means."

Under Art. 3 of Agreement 8, "the Government shall first consult the local Japanese authorities in an effort to reach an equitable settlement of matters concerning the bankruptcy or dissolution of the Company."

Art. 4:—"When, because of public or military necessity, the Government has to issue decrees, it shall do so only by first consulting the local Japanese authorities for a mutual decision. The Government shall redeem the Company on whatever losses caused by the decrees."

Art. 5:—"The local Japanese authorities may request the Government to issue the aforesaid decrees and may, in case of emergency, issue the necessary instructions to the Company direct, while notifying the Government at the same time."

Decent of them to let their puppets know!

It is noteworthy that, "in case of any dispute, the Japanese version" of

DANGER OF AIR ATTACK INCREASING

LONDON, TO-DAY. THE MINISTER OF HEALTH HAS SENT A CIRCULAR TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN WHICH HE SAYS THAT THE DANGER OF AIR ATTACKS MUST BE REGARDED AS MORE SERIOUS DURING THE USUAL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT EASTER THAN WAS THE CASE LAST CHRISTMAS.

The local authorities are told by the Board of Education that it is inadvisable for children to return to the evacuated areas for the holidays; the Board suggests, therefore, that teachers should take their holidays in rotation.—Reuter.

NAZI AIR VIOLATIONS

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY. THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN BERLIN HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE AN ENERGETIC PROTEST AGAINST THE FLIGHT OF GERMAN PLANES OVER BELGIAN TERRITORY YESTERDAY.

Two foreign planes are reported to have flown over Liege at midday and were fired on by anti-aircraft batteries and pursued by fighters.

Two hours later more planes flew over Liege and were fired at.—Reuter.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK BY EXPLOSION

London, To-day. The crew of the British steamer Gardenia (3,745 tons) were landed on the East Coast yesterday from a trawler which rescued them after the Gardenia had sunk following an explosion.—Reuter.

an agreement "shall be deemed correct." So much for agreements in China by a Government purporting to represent China.

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BRITISH RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

"IN MY OPINION BRITAIN WOULD NOT LOSE HONG KONG TO THE JAPANESE," DECLARED SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS, THE WELL-KNOWN BRITISH LEFT WING POLITICIAN WHO ARRIVED HERE FROM HONG KONG EN ROUTE TO JAPAN AFTER A VISIT TO INDIA, CHUNGKING AND MOSCOW.

The question of Hong Kong arose when Sir Stafford told interviewers that although future relations between Britain and Japan would depend on the respective governments, nevertheless, in his opinion, Britain could have a showdown with the Japanese easily when necessary and if wanted.

When it was pointed out to him that then perhaps Britain would lose Hong Kong temporarily, he replied the people on the spot should know better but in his opinion that was not likely to be the case.

Sir Stafford said he did not doubt that Chungking will win the war against Japan. He explained he could not see the Japanese being driven out of the country unless the Chinese got heavier war material, but he could visualise "the Japanese getting out."

Asked whether the Chungking Government leaders attached much importance to the Wang Ching-wel movement, Sir Stafford replied that they did not.

THE TIME WHEN

Answering a question whether he thought peace with Japan had entered the minds of the Chungking leaders, Sir Stafford said: "They think that can adequately be made when Japan gets out of China."

Asked whether greater and even open help would be made to China by the European Democracies in the event of early liquidation of the European war, Sir Stafford expressed the opinion that help would be forthcoming in greater degree, but

200 R.A.F. PROMOTIONS

London, To-day.

A list of over 200 R.A.F. temporary promotions was published yesterday.

Thirty-four Wing-Commanders become Group-Captains; 133 Squadron Leaders are promoted Wing-Commanders and 52 Flight-Lieutenants become Squadron Leaders.

The new Wing-Commanders include Andrew Douglas Farquhar, who was recently awarded the D.F.C. for three successful attacks on enemy aircraft.

Most of the new group captains distinguished themselves in the last war. They include Group Captain O. R. Gayford, who was in charge of the long-distance record in November, 1938, while Richard Kellett, who led the record-breaking flight and was awarded the D.F.C. recently for leading British planes in the Heligoland Bight air fight, is promoted Wing Commander, as is also G. H. Stainforth, former holder of the world's speed record.

K. B. Lloyd, who in 1938 commanded the five R.A.F. flyingboats which covered 30,000 miles, the longest formation flight ever undertaken, is among the new Group Captains.—Reuter.

RUM AND COFFEE FOR THE SERVICES

London, To-day. Four hundred and eighty cases of Jamaica rum, and 150 barrels of coffee figure among the distributions made by the Jamaica Publicity Committee out of £36,000 collected for War Fund purposes.—Reuter.

"CABBAGES AND KINGS"

Stockholm, To-day. The "Gothenburg Shipping Journal," while stating that the German coal position is better, says the potato supply position is bad.

Theatres, cinemas and restaurants

are full, distracting people from bad worries. The churches are full, showing the unbroken increasing opposition to de-Christianisation:

The newspaper says it is rumoured that the "kultur agreement" between the Reich and the Soviet aims at a combined struggle against the churches, especially the Catholic Church.—Reuter.

MOSCOW'S SUPPORT OF CHUNGKING

MOSCOW, TO-DAY. THE NEWSPAPERS DEVOTE CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO THE ANNIVERSARY OF SUN YAT-SEN AND RECALL HIS PLEA FOR STRENGTHENING THE ALLIANCE WITH THE SOVIET COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND SUPPORT OF THE MOVEMENT OF WORKERS AND PEASANTS.

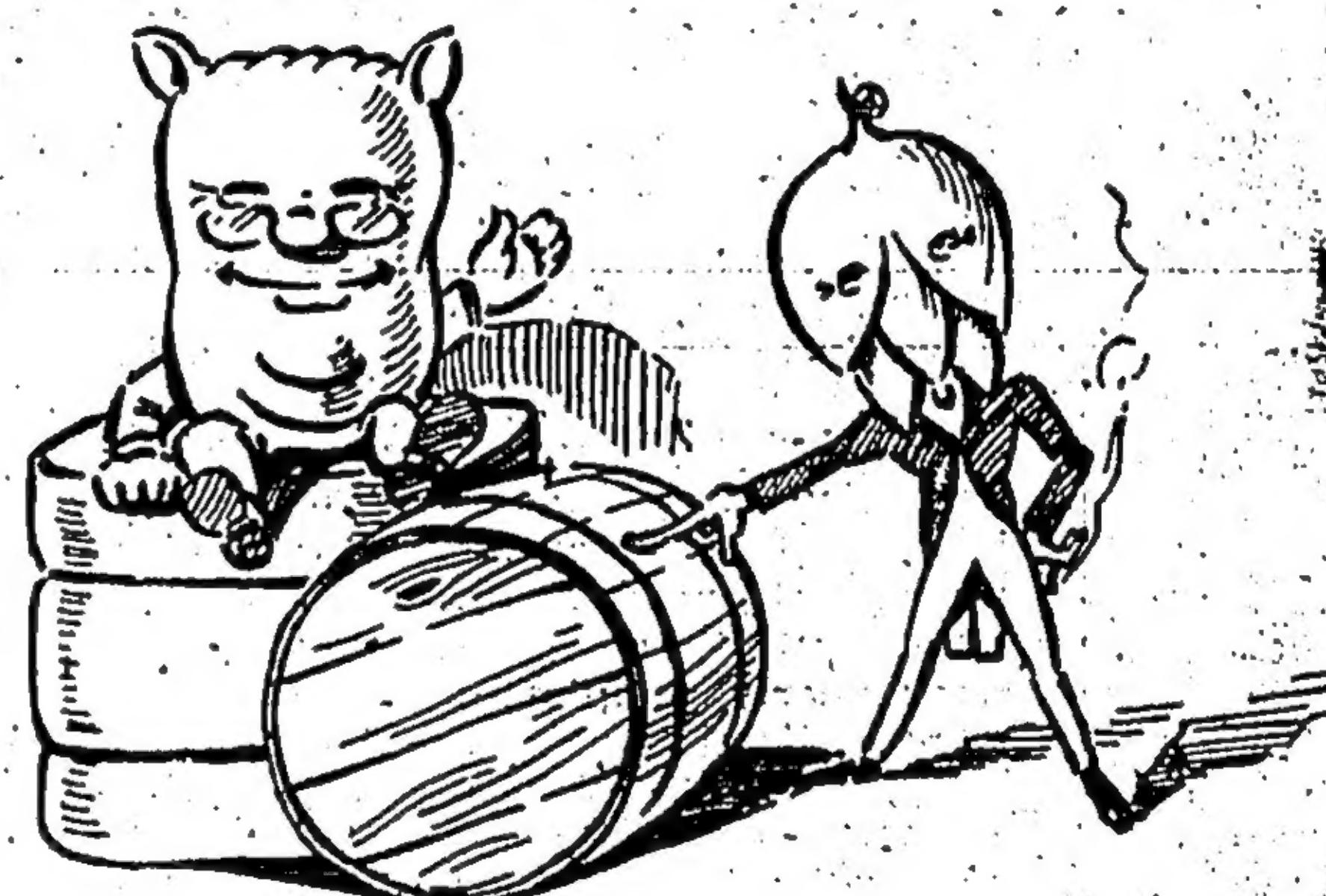
"Pravda" says Sun Yat-sen's testament has become the banner of the great war of national liberation against Japanese imperialism, and welcomes the present collaboration of the Kuomintang and the Chinese Communists against Japan.

Several newspapers take the opportunity to attack Wang Ching-wee as a traitor to the interests of China.—Reuter.

OVER-SUBSCRIBED

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LONDON, TO-DAY.

INTRODUCING THE ARMY ESTIMATES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, MR. OLIVER STANLEY, THE SECRETARY FOR WAR, SAID IT WOULD BE IMPROPER AND UNDESIRABLE FOR HIM TO ATTEMPT TO FORECAST IN WAR, AS HIS PREDECESSORS DID IN PEACE, WHAT TASK THE BRITISH ARMY MIGHT BE CALLED UPON TO FULFILL IN THE FUTURE.

Whatever it might be called upon to face the Army had not yet been subjected to the same intensive test as the Navy and Air Force.

After recalling how the idea of a continental army had been bitterly opposed in Britain, Mr. Stanley said the nature of the events which led up to Munich showed some of them that if a conflict was not absolutely inevitable, it was dangerously near, and showed that if a conflict had to come what the nature of the conflict was to be.

It was obvious that in any clash to come we should be fighting by the side of France in the cause of liberty and justice.

Therefore the security of France would be bound up with the security and integrity of this country.

ARMY GROWING

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Mr. Stanley referred to the decision taken last year to equip an army on the continental scale.

He added: "The B.E.F. is in France and the wisdom of the decision to send it there is not questioned by anyone.

"Starting comparatively small our army is rapidly growing. A great army is in process of formation, with which we shall progressively take a bigger and bigger part in the burden of war from the shoulders of our Allies, the French, who in the early days of the war had to bear such a very great part of this burden." (Cheers).

Mr. Stanley added, it was well to bear in mind that whereas the general decision to rearm was taken by this country in 1938, the decision to equip an army on the present scale, with masses of modern equipment and ammunition which modern warfare necessitated, was only taken a year ago.

WEEKS OF SNOW

The expansion of the B.E.F. in France continued and the numbers of the British troops in France to-day were about double what they had been in October, and every day saw some increase in their strength.

Mr. Stanley said that when he recently visited France the troops had already experienced some six or seven weeks of continuous snow and frost.

He visited a great part of the lines along which we were engaged in putting up defensive works and was struck by the amount of work accomplished and the amount of work nearly completed.

Almost directly after his visit conditions improved and he had no doubt recent weeks had shown an increased strengthening of our position.

"Wherever I went in all ranks I was immensely struck with the relations between French and English in this war compared to the last. In the last war we were allies. In this war we are friends."

A.A. UNITS

Turning to the army at home, Mr. Stanley said that in the anti-aircraft units thousands of men were moved out even before the declaration of war to their war stations, where they have been ever since. They had had to live in a constant condition of readiness and, owing to the nature of their deployment, in conditions of extreme isolation and monotony.

Many thousands were on the same spot on which they had stood since September.

All must pay tribute to the way in which the men engaged in anti-aircraft defence have stood this hard test.

Mr. Stanley said the country appreciated that they had already received and would continue to receive very valuable assistance from the Dominions, India and the Colonies.

CANADIAN TROOPS
Canadian troops had been in this country nearly three months and were now well advanced in their training. No-one could fail to be impressed by their physique, intelligence and obvious keenness.

The fine traditions of the Indian Army were represented by the Indian troops in France and to a greater extent in the Near East, and the Australian Imperial force and the New Zealand special force would be worthy successors of the Anzac Corps of the last war.

General Smuts had re-organised the Union defence forces with a view to the defence of South Africa and South African interests in Africa.

Southern Rhodesia and the African colonies had produced their own contribution, while the Colonial Empire as a whole had provided for their own defence and thereby relieved the mother country from the necessity of doing so.

BRITAIN'S PART

All these were very substantial contributions for which this country was grateful. But the majority of the personnel of the expanded army had got to be provided from these islands, and it was to the Military Training Act that they would have to look in the future for the main source of supply of personnel for the Army.

It was to the general satisfaction that the country had decided that side by side with this new system, on which other continental armies had always been raised, we should continue with our old system of voluntary recruiting, which had produced some of the finest armies the world had ever seen.

About 200,000 volunteers had been enlisted since the beginning of the war.

They hoped to provide the skilled men needed for the army's expansion without having to call on skilled men so urgently needed in civilian life.

AVERAGE AGE 25

At present the average age in the infantry was 25 and that of other arms over 26. The age structure at the moment was satisfactory and the stiffening of older men was sufficient, but it was a situation which required constant watching, and if the further expansion of the army made any considerable differences, it would be necessary to take special measures to obtain further stiffening of older men.

Mr. Stanley announced various improvements in the scheme of dependents' allowances in order to meet criticisms.

TERMINOLOGICAL CORRECTITUDE

Also, he said, he had decided to substitute for the term "unmarried wife" the words suggested by the Archbishop of Canterbury, "unmarried dependent living as a wife."

In general the changes in the dependents' allowances scheme would apply equally to the Navy, Marines and Air Force.

Mr. Stanley concluded by expressing confidence that the sons of those who were victorious 25 years ago would repeat their fathers' triumphs and added: "It is for us to avoid our mistakes." — Reuter.

SMOOTHEING OUT TANGLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Ashton-Gwatkin and Prof. Charles Rist, the British and French economic experts entrusted with a special mission to the United States, told the press yesterday that their mission was proceeding smoothly.

Main question remaining to be settled was the control of American goods in British and French ports. — Hayes.

I.R.A. RAIDERS SENTENCED

Dublin, To-day. Twelve years' imprisonment each was imposed yesterday on John Parnell, John Lyons and Joseph McDermott by the special criminal court on charges arising out of the I.R.A. raid on the Phoenix Park magazine.—Reuter.

ARMY DEPENDENT ALLOWANCE

London, To-day. Mr. Stanley disclosed that a central advisory council on adult education had been established for the purpose of considering the best methods for organizing some sort of educational facilities for men in the forces in Britain.

Referring to the scheme for dependents allowances, the War Minister replied to certain criticisms which had been made against it and in particular the criticism against the provision in the present scheme which lays it down that allowances can only be granted if a dependant is incapable of self support. Although there was, said Mr. Stanley, theoretical justification for this provision in so far as it was unnecessary, especially in wartime, for the Government to support those who were capable of supporting themselves, nevertheless in practice this was not the case, and he had decided to waive this condition in future so far as dependant's allowances was concerned.

Mr. Stanley announced the further relaxation in the scheme by permitting in future one-fifth of the earnings of each member of a household, other than dependant or dependant's husband or father, to be disregarded from the household means test. Another relaxation which had been decided was that a dependant may in future receive an allowance from more than one member of the Services.

MILD EPIDEMICS

Turning to the health of the British forces, the War Minister said it had been on the whole extremely good. There had been, however, two epidemics of mild forms of influenza and German Measles, which had now greatly diminished. Mr. Stanley stated the mortality rate from pneumonia was, however, lower in January, during the epidemic of influenza, than it was in five years between 1932 and 1936.

Speaking for the Opposition, Mr. Lees Smith said he recognised the importance of the War Minister's announcements regarding alterations in the scheme for dependants' allowances. The Opposition would go into the matter on Thursday on the report stage of the Bill.—British Wireless.

AN OPENING FOR ITALY

London, To-day. Commenting on Anglo-Italian trade negotiations, the "Manchester Guardian" points out that, while the awkward coal dispute has been settled, Italy's note of protest, which raised greater issues than the stoppage of German coal, remains to be answered.

The paper points out that the stoppage of German exports was forced on the Allies by the German illegal methods of sea warfare. In a trade agreement, Italy may now find some compensation for the losses which German illegality forced on her. — Reuter.

WHAT THE ALLIES OFFERED TO FINLAND

Hint Of Sending Troops Through Norway

IF HELSINKI APPEALED FOR MILITARY AID

A MOTION BY M. LEON BLUM and other deputies to discuss the Finnish situation in the Chamber has been adjourned by general agreement in order not to embarrass the Government.

M. Daladier, the Premier, in a statement in the Chamber yesterday, said France headed the list of nations which had sent war material to Finland.

He gave figures of munitions sent and said that a few days ago, in reply to an urgent demand, France sent a number of ultra-modern bombers which had arrived on the Finnish front.

M. Daladier said he had informed the Finnish Minister on Monday that France was determined to give Finland all the aid possible.

M. Daladier also stated that on March 7 he informed the Finnish Minister that the Allies were ready to send immediate help, and if Finland did not appeal to them for Allied intervention, the Allies could not assume the responsibility for the status of Finland at the end of the war.

M. Daladier said the Finnish Minister told him a definite answer would be sent on March 12 after the meeting of the Finnish Parliament.

Sweden And Norway

M. Daladier explained that this appeal was necessary because Norway and Sweden were opposed to the passage of Allied troops.

"Because of this attitude it was impossible to go to the Finns' aid unless we received a direct appeal from Finland."

M. Daladier emphasised that hitherto a direct appeal from the Finnish Government for further help had not been received by either the French or British Governments. He was waiting for this appeal.

M. Daladier said the Finnish Government and Field-Marshal Mannerheim had repeatedly expressed appreciation of the valuable aid given by France.

War Council Decision

The decision to send men to Finland, if wanted, was taken by the Allied War Council on Feb. 3.

A large number of ships had been waiting in two great ports of the Channel and the Atlantic coast to take the Allied expeditionary force.

The British Government would have to bear the greater part of the assistance to the men and ships. The British Navy would also be responsible for protecting the convoys on the 2,000-mile voyage to the Norwegian coast.

The strength of the expeditionary force was 50,000 men.—Reuter.

50,000 FRENCHMEN

Paris, To-day. It is now understood that the 50,000 men mentioned by M. Daladier referred only to the French contingent of the Allied expeditionary force for Finland.—Reuter.

Prepared For Serious Decisions

London, To-day. In view of the important statement on the same subject which Mr. Cham-

IL DUCE LIFTS CORNER OF VEIL

Rome, To-day. The veil of secrecy which hitherto has surrounded the conversations between Signor Mussolini and Ribbentrop was partially lifted by an article in "Giornale d'Italia."

The article says: The conversations ranged over the entire European field and over the fundamental question of war aims and the establishment of an enduring peace.

"It was stated that the essential object of the war must be to conclude a better peace than the previous one."

ITALY'S INTEREST

"Italy reaffirmed that this was not possible if account is not taken of her legitimate interests and rights following the line of vast European construction which was made the point of departure of the Axis and the Italo-German alliance."

"Tribuna" emphasises that Italy's position is unchanged.—Reuter.

COOLIE KILLED

A wharf coolie at the Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Company, Au Ping, died in the Queen Mary Hospital during the night from injuries to his head caused when he fell into the sea while at work at the Vehicular Wharf.

berlain made in the Commons on Monday, the very warm reception which, according to Paris reports, was given in the Chamber to M. Daladier's remarks on aid to Finland, has given great satisfaction in London.

It was stated in London that had the negotiations in Moscow broken down and the Finnish Government had appealed to the Allies for help, the question of facilities to be afforded by Norway and Sweden would have assumed fundamental importance.

On this question, it was considered in London that in the event stated a new situation would have arisen which would have had to be dealt with on its merits.—British Wireless.

PROFOUND IMPRESSION IN FINLAND

Helsinki, To-day. A profound impression was created in Finland yesterday by Mr. Chamberlain's promise on Monday that the Allies would help Finland with all their available resources if Finland again asks for help.

The Finnish press insists that no peace terms can be accepted which do not maintain Finland's independence.—Reuter.

FIGHTING RAGES IN VIBORG

London, To-day. At a late hour yesterday, despite the Moscow report of a peace agreement, the Russians had not abandoned their operations against Viborg.

According to a Stockholm message, desperate fighting was raging last night in the outer suburbs of the city.

The Finnish troops, entrenched in the ruins of empty houses, were mowing down the attackers with withering machine-gun fire.

Shells of every calibre were raining upon the town, starting fires which the Finns were making no attempt to extinguish.

As the Russians advance in masses, the Finns retire strategically to fresh positions, making the enemy pay dearly for ground gained.

TERRIFIC LOSSES

It is now estimated that the Russians, in the war hitherto, have lost between 300,000 and 400,000 men, and are still losing between 4,000 and 5,000 daily. The Finns are reported to have lost 2,000 young officers in the fighting in the Karelian Isthmus.—Reuter.

Finnish Communiqué

Helsinki, To-day. A communiqué says the enemy succeeded in advancing a little on the north-west shore of Viborg Bay.

Russian attacks east of Viborg were repulsed except in the direction of Pall, where fighting continues.

Enemy attempts to advance on the ice at Vuoksen were repulsed.

The Finnish air force bombed enemy troops, artillery and tank columns.

Soviet planes bombed several places. Two people were killed, while 15 enemy planes were shot down.—Reuter.

U.S. NAVAL PROGRAMME

Washington, To-day. The House of Representatives yesterday passed and sent to the Senate a bill authorising expenditure of \$655,000,000 on the expansion of the U.S. Navy and its air force in the next two years.

The bill is designed to give the U.S. Fleet 21 new combat ships, 22 auxiliary vessels and 1,011 additional warplanes. The measure met with little opposition.—Reuter.

ALLIES NO WORSE OFF

New York, To-day. The "New York Times," writing on the Finnish war, declares: "If the war should end the situation would simply revert to the situation prevailing last November.

"The Allies would be no worse off in the matter of Russian supplies for Germany than they were then, when they were confident of victory.

"If peace should come on terms which the Finns themselves believed would permit their survival as an independent nation, the little European states are not likely to overlook two items, first, that the full might of Russia for more than three months was unable to crush the resistance of the Finnish armies; and, second, that the Kremlin concluded the war by coming to terms with the very government which it had boastfully described as non-existent."

Raymond Gram Swing, the American political commentator, declared: "Even if the Finnish war ends, the amount of help, economic or military, that the Soviet can, or will deliver, to Germany is questionable."—Reuter.

SVINHUFVUD MISSION

London, To-day. Reports from Berlin may shed a little light on why M. Svinhufvud, aged Finnish ex-President, went to Berlin.

It is thought that he went to try and persuade the German Government to intervene if the Moscow talks failed.

Whatever the purpose of his stay was, he has now left for Italy and yesterday his train passed one going the other way, conveying Nazi Foreign Minister Ribbentrop back from Rome.—Reuter.

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**MIRROR OF WORLD
OPINION****WAR WITHOUT A FRONT****GENERAL SMUTS**

When war between Germany on one side and France and Great Britain on the other was suggested, most people thought of the fearful holocausts of Verdun and the Somme, of the havoc airplanes and other modern implements of destruction can work and imagined an immediate unprecedented destruction of human life and property. What was not appreciated, as a rule, except by a few military experts, was the virtual impregnability of the short front, when this is held by an army with modern equipment and defence works.

The trench systems of the World War were hard enough to storm. But the trench of the World War has become the fortress of to-day. The direct frontal attack with large masses of infantry, difficult and thankless in 1914-1918, has become almost impossible now, when armies of relatively equal strength and training and equipment are engaged, and when the front, as in eastern France, is too short to permit manoeuvring.

Such new offensive weapons as the tank and the long-range gun and the bombing airplane are more than outweighed by such defensive weapons as the machine-gun, the steel and concrete fort or pillbox, the anti-aircraft gun, combined with the action of the defensive side's aircraft. The French, after a few weeks of experimental nibbling at the outer works of the German Westwall, gave it up as a bad job. The Germans have shown no disposition to come to grips with France's Maginot Line. So combat activity is mainly confined to old-fashioned Indian warfare in the wooded and hilly "No Man's Land."

Will this situation continue indefinitely? It is premature for positive opinion. But it is at least possible that no decisive battle will take place along the front where the Germans on one side, the French and British on the other, have made the most elaborate preparations. — "Christian Science Monitor."

**EMPIRE OPINION
AND RUSSIA**

Russian diplomacy has been following a tortuous course during the Stalin regime. It is obvious to everyone now that the British and French Governments could not rely on Soviet promises and Soviet sincerity at the time of the menace over Czechoslovakia in 1935. It is obvious

that the Russian Government clique were more concerned with seeing Britain and France involved in war with Germany than with the fate of Czechoslovakia, for this would pave

the way for the predatory methods long contemplated in the Kremlin, and now in the course of being carried out. The strong peace that the war lords of Russia are trying to fix on Finland is an insult to the intelligence and abhorrent to the instincts of all decent people the world over. — "The Albertan."

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DOMINION OR
KINGDOM?**

A French Canadian has introduced a resolution into the Canadian House of Commons urging that the title The Dominion of Canada should be changed to The Kingdom of Canada. If Canada ceases to be a Dominion, there would be only one left in the Empire — New Zealand. By changing the title of the Governor-General to Vice-roy, Canada would introduce an analogy with the Empire of India, and thus the wheel would turn full circle; India seeking Dominion status and Canada rejecting it for a titular status similar to that which India seeks to discard. — "Madras Mail."

The United South African National Party is to continue to function. It is a party we can never support, not only because it allows members the right to agitate and work for the establishment of a republic but also because its constitution acknowledges South Africa as a sovereign, independent country with the right of secession from the British Empire. Nothing that has happened since Fusion has demonstrated more vividly than the recent political and international crises the folly of South Africa's Status legislation. Until it is repealed we shall be subject to recurring crises. Having declared where we stand we once more repeat that our whole-hearted support will be given to General Smuts and his Coalition Government in the difficult work that lies before him during the progress of the war. — "The Daily Dispatch," East London.

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HOLLOW IDEOLOGY**

From the standpoint of Russian interest, which was peace for Russia, Stalin had played a weak hand magnificently, and he went on from one success to another. The Polish Ukraine and White Russia were roped into the Soviet Union. By diplomatic methods backed with a show of force he obtained all that was needful for Soviet security from the Baltic States. His idea evidently was that whoever won the general war should not be in a position to attack the Soviet Union successfully, either in the Baltic or Black Sea. In the Turks, however, he met a nation which refused to be frightened and had allies; and in the Finns, their stout hearts encouraged by Turkish resistance, he met a nation which refused to sacrifice her independence for the security of a country she was physically incapable of attacking; and this although they had been informed indirectly by the Germans that refusal to accept the Russian demands would involve them in a military conflict. The Finns thought they had a chance. They were about the only people who did. The Russians, believing too firmly in their own propaganda about themselves, were sure that Finland would collapse at the sight of the advancing Red Army. They left themselves no way of retreat. Even after hostilities had begun the Finnish Prime Minister offered to negotiate and presumably make further concessions. But

A NAZI SPEAKS

"No tears or wincing will induce us to drop the sword of revenge: the German Army has raised towards the east." — Herr Frank, Governor of occupied Poland.

So to their surprise and probably dismay the Soviet Government found themselves in the position they were bent on avoiding — engaged on a war which, if not yet large, looks like becoming bigger. The peace propaganda with which the Soviet, after its defection from the anti-Fascist crusade, hoped to regain its prestige with the "world's workers," now sounds hollow. It is given an air of conviction at home only by concealing the existence of a war. — "The Times."

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A NOTABLE
CONTRIBUTION**

Australians generally will welcome the agreement which has been reached for the purchase by Great Britain of Australia's surplus supplies of butter and meat. Australian supplies will be made available for the British people to the utmost extent for the duration of the war. It is a notable contribution to Imperial strength and staying power. The agreement has obviously been framed in a spirit of reasonableness on both sides. — "Adelaide Advertiser."

German Threats To Finland In Last Phases

FINN DELEGATES YIELD TO SOVIET

Final Decision Still In Hands Of Diet

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MEETING UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF VAINO SAKELA THE FINNISH PARLIAMENT EARLY THIS MORNING WAS STILL DELIBERATING THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE FINNISH DELEGATES IN MOSCOW WITH A VIEW TO RATIFYING THE SOVIET-FINNISH AGREEMENT.

It is now authoritatively stated that diplomacy was extremely active during the last phase of the negotiations, and that Germany intimated to Finland that an appeal for Allied help would automatically entail very serious consequences for Finland.

It is confirmed that the main stipulations in the Finnish-Soviet treaty provide for the cession of the Karelian Isthmus to the Soviet, including Viborg, and creation of a Soviet naval base on the Hangoe Peninsula.

It is understood that the Finnish decision to yield to Russia was mainly due to the attitude of Sweden and to the pressure of Germany, coupled with the fear that impending change in weather conditions would favour the Russians.

First news of the peace agreement was issued by the German News Agency (D.N.B.) on the basis of a Moscow broadcast announcement, which was also picked up in New York.

Absence of any reference to the Petsamo region in the announcement indicates that the Russians have conceded on this point (possibly because of the presence of British warships in the region).

The agreement, if ratified, will give the whole of the Mannerheim Line defences to Russia and control of the Gulf of Finland.

Not Necessarily Final

It is, however, stressed by the Finnish Legation in London that the agreement in Moscow is not necessarily final.

Finnish circles say that the whole Finnish Cabinet must agree on the acceptability of the Soviet demands and such a decision must be ratified by Parliament.

These circles are of opinion that Field-Marshal Mannerheim's view of the matter will be the determining influence, as he alone is aware whether the Finnish army can keep on resisting.—Havas.

PARIS, TO-DAY.

A MESSAGE FROM HELSINKI REPORTS THAT THE MINISTER OF WAR AND THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION HAVE RESIGNED AS A PROTEST AGAINST THE AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA.—REUTER.

Cease Fire At Noon

Berlin, To-day.

An official despatch from Moscow states that the Russo-Finnish peace terms have been signed.

Hostilities will cease at noon to-day (Wednesday).—Reuter.

The Prerequisite For The Allies

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

M. Daladier, the Premier, in his speech in the Chamber on aid to Finland, said: "An appeal from Finland for aid was a prerequisite as Sweden and Norway opposed with all their might the passage of Allied troops across their territory."

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

The submarine which was attacked in the Schilling Roads yesterday by an R.A.F. aircraft of the Bomber Command was proceeding slowly along the surface.

DEATH OF A U-BOAT

London, To-day. The submarine which was attacked in the Schilling Roads yesterday by an R.A.F. aircraft of the Bomber Command was proceeding slowly along the surface.

The plane emerged from a low layer of clouds. It immediately crossed the submarine, dropping four 250 lb. bombs one of which was seen to hit the submarine just ahead of the conning-tower.

Another hit is also believed to have been registered.

The pilot reported on his return that before he flew off to continue his reconnaissance he saw the bow and stern of the submarine protruding above the surface, the centre part being submerged.

Another British aircraft engaged on reconnaissance a few hours later saw a number of patrol vessels in the area where the attack had been made.—British Wireless.

SUBMARINE BOMBED IN THE BIGHT

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that during a reconnaissance flight over the Heligoland Bight and the estuaries yesterday, an aircraft of the R.A.F. Bomber Command successfully attacked a German submarine at the entrance to the Schillig Roads.

The submarine was seen to be hit by at least one bomb and is believed to have sunk.—Reuter.

RIDICULOUS BROADCAST

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

THE "PROVIDENCE JOURNAL" RIDICULES THE GERMAN USE OF TUESDAY'S ANGLO-GERMAN CLASH ON THE WESTERN FRONT FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES.

"This is a new way to conduct a war, and although it may be none of our business in the United States, there is no reason why we have to like it.

"Propagandist attacks are made more with words than with weapons, and it is a fair guess that the broadcasting equipment was set up before the order was given for the raid, and that the sole purpose of the raid was to provide a broadcasting opportunity."—Reuter.

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HONG KONG.

PREMIER SEES KING

London, To-day. The Prime Minister was received by the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace yesterday.—British Wireless.

DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE

Expert Explains Recent Developments In Europe

FAMINE DISASTER IN HOPEI

Peiping, To-day.

According to reports from central Hopei famine conditions exist there and a major tragedy looms as the people are already on starvation level, living on the bark of trees and even eating common earth, which is causing many deaths.

The desperate food shortage has even caused peasants to root up wheat stalks, thus spoiling the Spring crop.

Conditions are especially bad around Paotingfu, while the whole district between Paotingfu and Tientsin is now ascertained to be a famine area, parts of which are still inundated by last year's flood waters.

The people have to find means of living without garnering fresh crops until September. There are migrations on foot from some districts.

NO RESERVES

The position is made desperate by the fact that the peasants have no food reserves, these having been commandeered either by Chinese guerillas or the Japanese forces.

The number facing starvation following last year's flood was 3,000,000 in Hopei and 1,000,000 in Shantung.

In Hopei 12,500 villages were devastated and in Shantung 5,000, and it is probable that the worsening conditions, which reached a climax this Spring, have increased the number threatened with disaster.

In Peiping, the poorer families have cut down from three to one meal a day.—Reuter.

ARTILLERY ACTION

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communiqué said there was local artillery action.—Reuter.

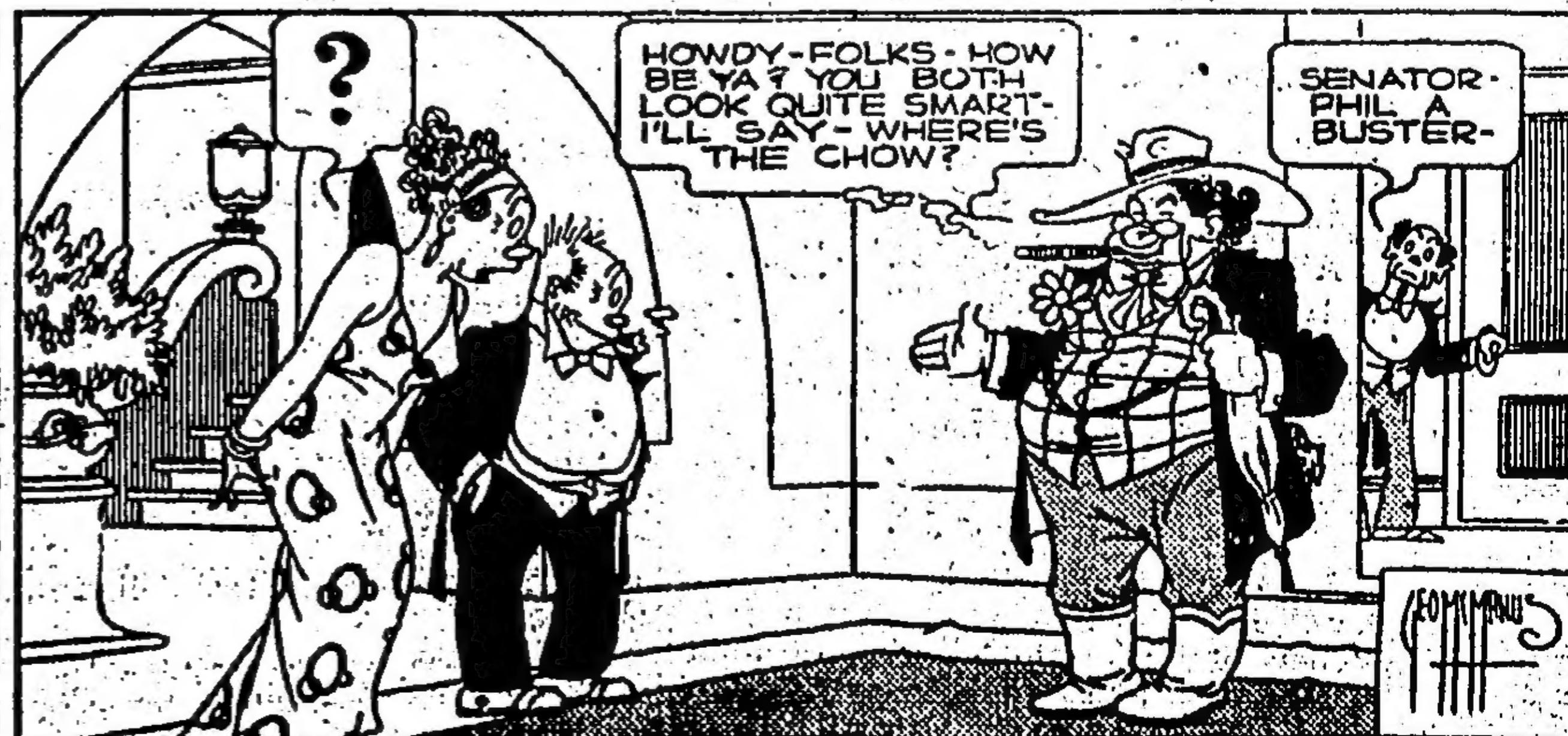
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INEXPENSIVE

SATISFYING

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

CRITICAL POINT NOW NEAR

London, To-day.

DISCUSSING THE "PEACE TALKS in Moscow and Rome," a diplomatic observer says that diplomatic activity in Europe since the week-end had become clearer, and the main points about the Moscow talks, in particular, can now be traced. The initiative came from Russia which, on February 22, through the Ambassador in London, asked the British Government to pass on an offer for peace in return for crippling concessions.

The British Government was not prepared even to pass such terms on. Moscow approached Sweden, which passed on the Russian terms, although the Swedish Foreign Minister has been at pains to point out that in this matter Sweden acted as postman rather than as mediator.

Presumably, discussions followed through a third party, and at Moscow's invitation, a strong Finnish delegation was sent to Russia to discuss terms. Little is known about these talks, despite over-optimistic reports from Stockholm.

CRITICAL POINT

The critical point is now near. The Finnish Government has now to decide whether or not the terms will leave Finland independent or whether they will place her in the position of Czechoslovakia after Munich.

In arriving at this decision, the Finnish Government knows that the Allies are ready to send effective assistance. Until the decision is taken, little more remains to be said.

Whatever part Germany has played, her hand has been very well concealed.

SECOND THOUGHTS

Meanwhile, Nazi Foreign Minister Ribbentrop's visit to Rome must, it seems, have been designed for bigger purposes than at first supposed. No doubt, he was trying to interest Italy in Germany's plans for Finland, but that must be a matter for conjecture.

Some observers believe that the Nazis have had second thoughts about Mr. Sumner Welles:

It is suggested that they thought better of the cavalier way in which they lectured him in Berlin and now want to get the Italians to put in another word for them when he passes through Rome on his way home.

The insistence with which the Italian press and radio have asserted that Italy's attitude is not to be changed by Ribbentrop pressure suggests he was after more Italian help.

ANOTHER FAILURE

The paper "Telegrafo," which is in close touch with Count Ciano, emphasizes, for instance, that Mussolini is not to be influenced. When he thinks it necessary to change Italy's policy, he will change it—according to his own judgment.

Whatever it was Ribbentrop went to Rome for, says the observer, it is now apparent he must once again travel back to Berlin to register another failure.

Nor did his interview with the Pope give him much satisfaction. The Nazis no doubt thought it would be a feather in their cap to report that their Foreign Minister had had a friendly interview with the Pope.

That is probably why the Vatican has explained that Ribbentrop was received only because of an official German request.—Reuter.

MR. SUMNER WELLES AT LUNCH WITH CHANCELLOR

London, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles lunched with Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, at 11 Downing Street yesterday and then had a short talk with Sir Alexander Cadogan, Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Welles then went to the Admiralty to see Mr. Winston Churchill.

To-day he will see Mr. Anthony Eden and then, at Mr. Welles' request, he will see Mr. Lloyd George.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

At an East Coast port yesterday, the crews of two small trawlers arrived with their fishing gear gone but with proof that they can more than hold their own with a U-boat.

They sighted the submarine while fishing. Both ships promptly cut away their nets to allow them to manoeuvre better and returned the fire of the U-boat.

With shots falling all round her, the U-boat dived out of sight.—Reuter.

MORE JAP. SACRILEGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

The campaign to punish those who, like Mr. Saito, unseemly criticise Japan's war aims as defined by the Konoye Statement, has claimed another victim.

Mr. Tsuneo Yonaiyama, member of the staff of the First Section of the Cultural Enterprises of the Foreign Office, is being relieved of his post at "his own request."

Mr. Yonaiyama has taken responsibility for an article in a diplomatic magazine which assailed the famed Konoye statement and has been considered as vigorous an attack on it as the diet Speech of Mr. Takao Saito.—Havas.

TROOP MOVEMENTS IN AUSTRIA DISTURB

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

There is some apprehension in Yugoslavia and Hungary, reports reaching Paris declare, over the scale of recent troop movements in Austria.

New regiments are being formed and a number of groups hitherto exempt have been called to the Colours.—Havas.

AERIAL ACTIVITY ON WESTERN FRONT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

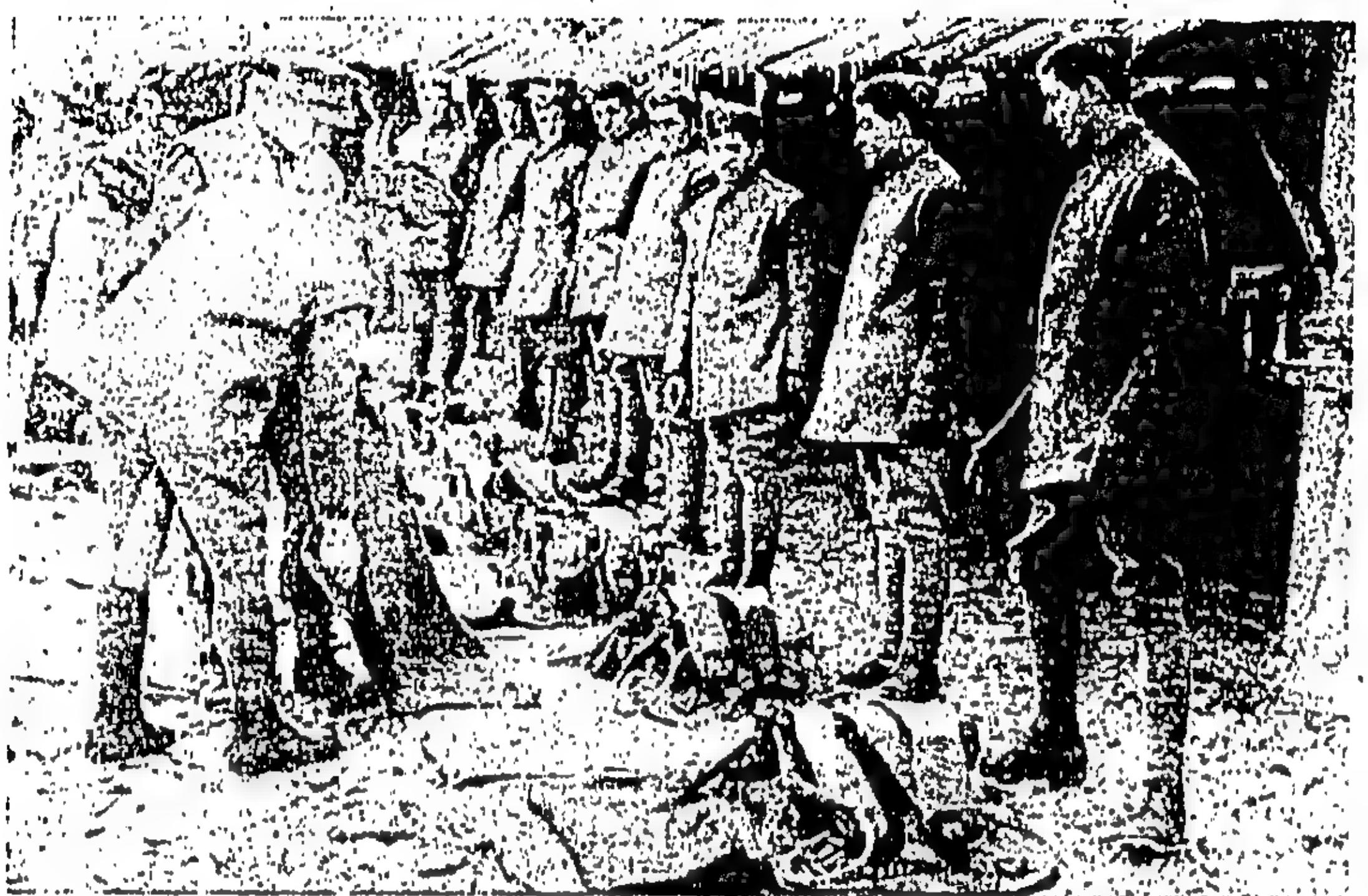
Paris, To-day.

The weather is ideal for flying and British, French and German machines have been busy over the Western Front on photographic and "fact-finding" flights.

One engagement resulted, with no losses to either side.—Havas.



H.M. the King presenting the new Colours to the Irish Guards at Wellington Barracks, London. (Copyright, Fox).



A contingent of Cypriots, which recently landed in France, have now taken up their duties with the B.E.F. with their mules. They are engaged in carrying stores for various units. They are all recent recruits. Photo shows the Cypriots at saddle inspection. (Copyright, Fox).

PROLONGING CONTRABAND LIFE OF PARLIAMENT

LONDON, TO-DAY.
REPLYING TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS WHETHER IT WAS PROPOSED SHORTLY TO INTRODUCE A BILL TO PROLONG THE LIFE OF PARLIAMENT, EARL STANHOPE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS WELL AWARE OF THE NECESSITY OF CONSIDERING THIS MATTER AT NO VERY DISTANT DATE BECAUSE THE LIFE OF THE PRESENT PARLIAMENT CAME TO AN END IN NOVEMBER.

He, however, was not in a position to-day to make any statement in the matter.

Continuing, he said there had been a very big scheme of evacuation in the present war and a really large number of big cities had lost a number of their people. No-one could possibly say whether these people would eventually go back to the cities. If the war went on for some time they might realise the attractions of the country and stay there.—Reuter.

ANZACS ON PARADE

London, To-day.
The British Ambassador in Cairo, Sir Miles Lampson, took the salute at a parade of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force yesterday morning at the invitation of General Freyberg, commanding the New Zealanders.

A message from the Ambassador describing the ceremony states: "The men looked in fine fettle and are evidently settling down well in their new surroundings. As I told them their general bearing and appearance were most impressive."—British Wireless.

An electric clock was stolen from a car belonging Mr. P. V. C. E. Liberschutz, of No. 8, Homuntin Hill Road, during the night. The car was parked in the garage, but the owner forgot to lock the door.

Tokyo, To-day.
The reported British seizure of contraband goods in Japanese waters engaged the attention of the House of Representatives yesterday.

Asked whether Japanese ferry boats plying between Fusen (Korea) and Shimonoseki had been stopped by a British warship and boarded, Mr. Arita, the Foreign Minister, replied that he had received no information on such an occurrence.

Answering another question about the detention in Hong Kong of the remaining 12 Germans removed from the Asama Maru by a boarding party from a British warship near Tokyo Bay on January 21, the Foreign Minister said the Government was still negotiating with the British Government for their return.

The present was not an opportune time to give out any report on the progress of the negotiations, he added.—Reuter.

AN ALLIED VICTORY

Baltimore, To-day.
The "Baltimore Sun," commenting on the Anglo-Italian settlement, says: "The decision does appear to represent an Allied victory."

"Such an agreement would make a large dent in Germany's economic armour. Any contraction of the supply of foodstuffs and materials which has been flowing from Italy to Germany would subject the Reich to additional strain."

"Evidence available suggests that the British have scored a point of considerable importance in economic warfare."—Reuter.

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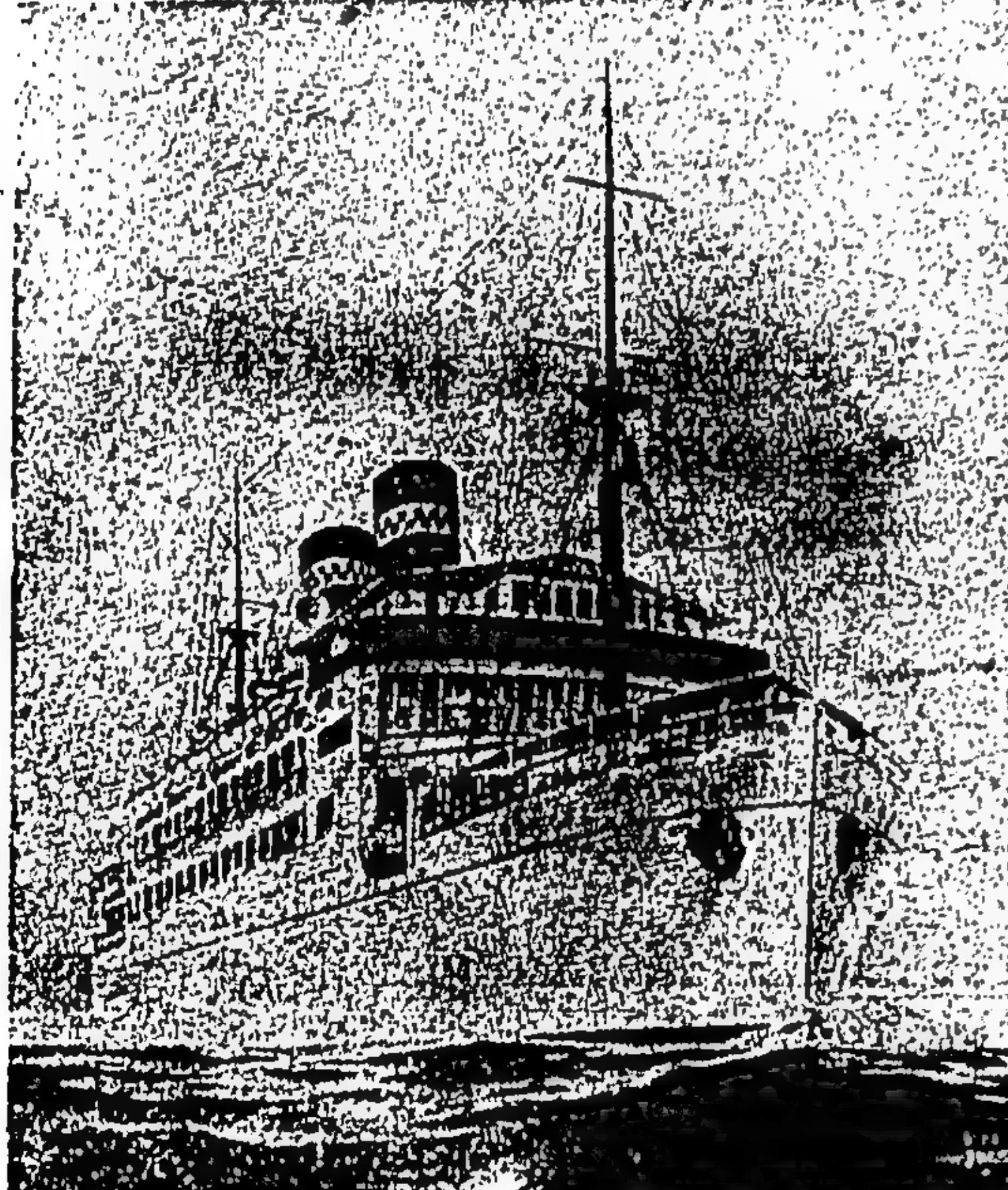
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EMPIRE PRESS UNION AND THE B.B.C. BULLETINS

London, To-day:

THE INCREASED FREQUENCY of Empire bulletins in the B.B.C. programme was mentioned at the annual meeting yesterday of the Empire Press Union, over which Major J. J. Astor presided.

Addressing the meeting, Major Astor discussed the handicaps imposed by war conditions upon the overseas press which had, inter alia, to contend with transmission and censorship delays and the fact that sometimes messages for overseas were censored while their contents were passed for publication in the United Kingdom.

There was also the increased frequency of the B.B.C. Empire news bulletins which obviously were becoming a difficult point.

But he claimed that frequent persistent representations by the Union had brought about improved facilities for the press, particularly in connection with the censorship.

REUTER COMMENT

Sir Roderick Jones, Chairman of Reuter's, discussing the B.B.C. news broadcasts, said that in the home field every endeavour had been made and, he thought, with success, to keep the element of competition away.

As regards news broadcasts all over the world they all felt that the B.B.C. could discharge its great duty to the nation and Empire and yet not behave in a manner which was competitive with the interests of the overseas press.

Major Astor was re-elected president.—Reuter.

TURKEY AND ALLIES

CHICAGO, TO-DAY.

THE "CHICAGO DAILY NEWS" SAYS: "TURKEY, ALTHOUGH OUTWARDLY A DICTATORSHIP, IS A COUNTRY WITH LIBERAL IDEAS."

"In fact, all the Near East sees a vast difference between the imperialism of the Democracies and the dynamic expansion of Germany, Italy and Russia.

"Even the Arabs, who not long ago were agitating against Britain and France, are now definitely siding with the Allies.

"They see that the British and French are milder than what is called the dynamism of the totalitarian powers. They feel that Britain and France are a protection against totalitarian expansion."—Reuter.

SWISS COMMENT

Lausanne, To-day. The "Gazette de Lausanne" states: "When listening to German wireless tales in Arabic one almost believes that the Arabs desire nothing so earnestly as the collapse of the Democracies as an essential preliminary realisation of their aspirations.

"The truth is very different. The entire Arab peoples, from the Atlantic to the Caucasus, from the Mediterranean to the Indian Ocean, are on the side of the Democracies in the present war."—Reuter.

TURKISH PARLEYS

ANKARA, TO-DAY.

THE PRESENCE OF THE TWO ALLIED AIR CHIEFS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AT ANKARA LENDS ADDED IMPORTANCE TO THE RECENT MEETING OF THE TURKISH SUPREME WAR COUNCIL.

At that meeting, the Council made an exhaustive study of the country's defences and was satisfied with the measures already taken and planned.

The two Air Chiefs arrived last Saturday for conferences with the head of the Turkish Air Force.—Reuter.

JAPANESE PROMOTED

Canton, To-day.

Col. Yoshida, chief of the Information Bureau, left for Hainan yesterday on promotion as Chief of Staff. His successor is Col. Sakuma, from Peking.—Reuter.

ITALIANS GRATIFIED

Rome, To-day.

"Popolo del Roma" makes a front page feature of the departure of three Italian colliers from Deal, with a long message describing the large sympathetic crowd watching from the shore.

The newspaper says: "There couldn't be a more unexpected or spontaneous manifestation of sympathy than this.

Nothing remains for us but loyal acknowledgment of the understanding intelligence of the British Government for not making this modest question of fact the motive of a dispute on principle."—Reuter.

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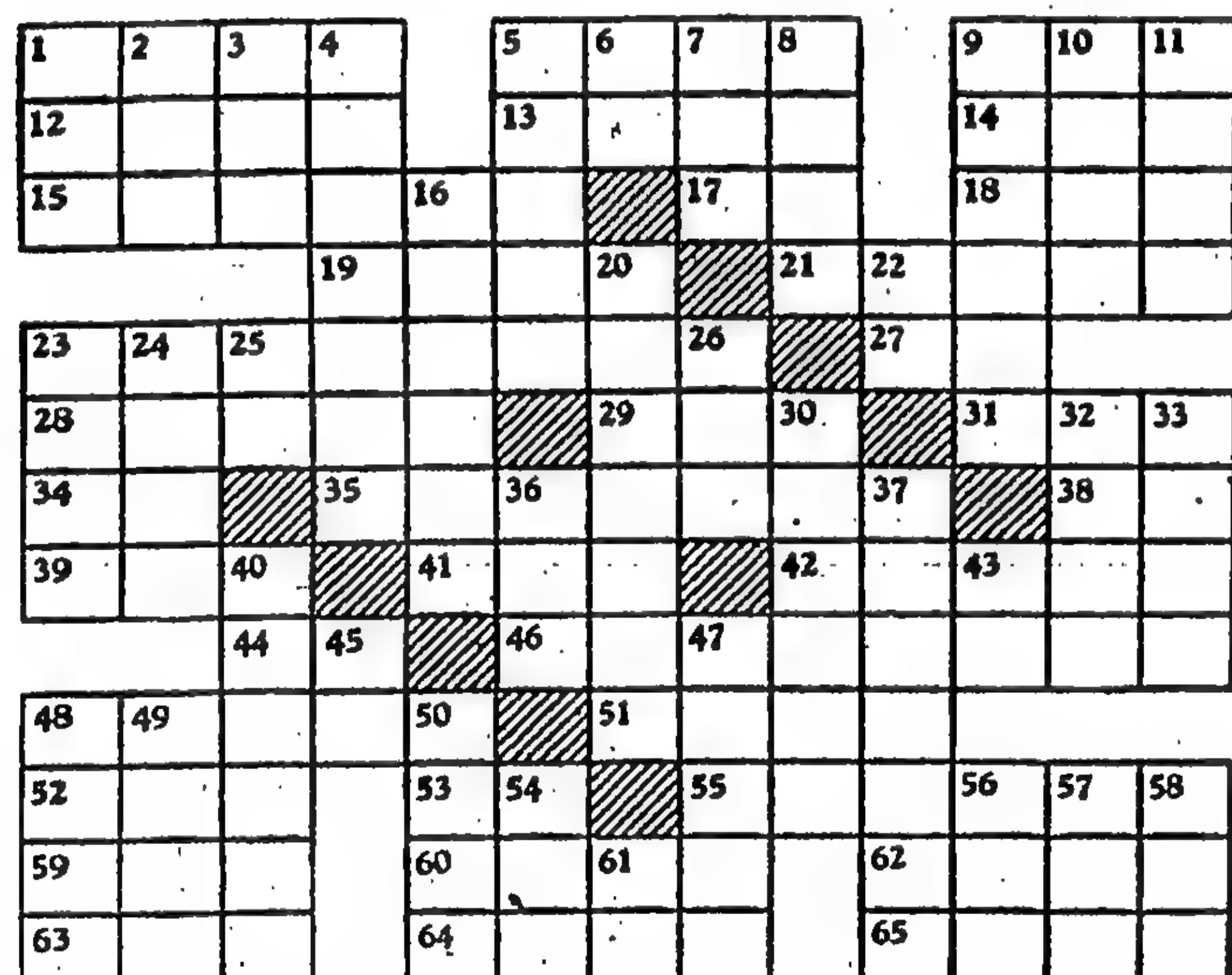
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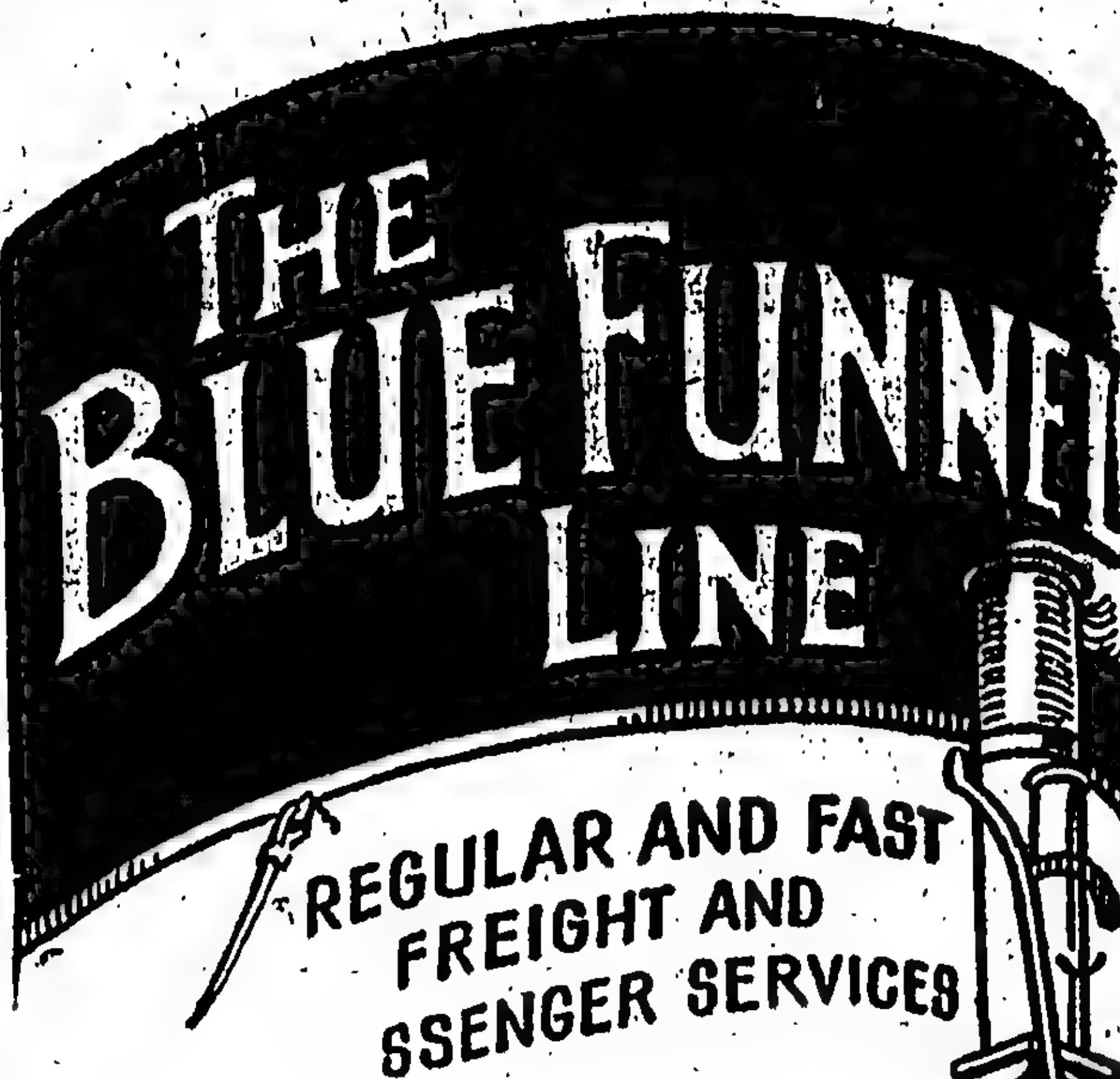
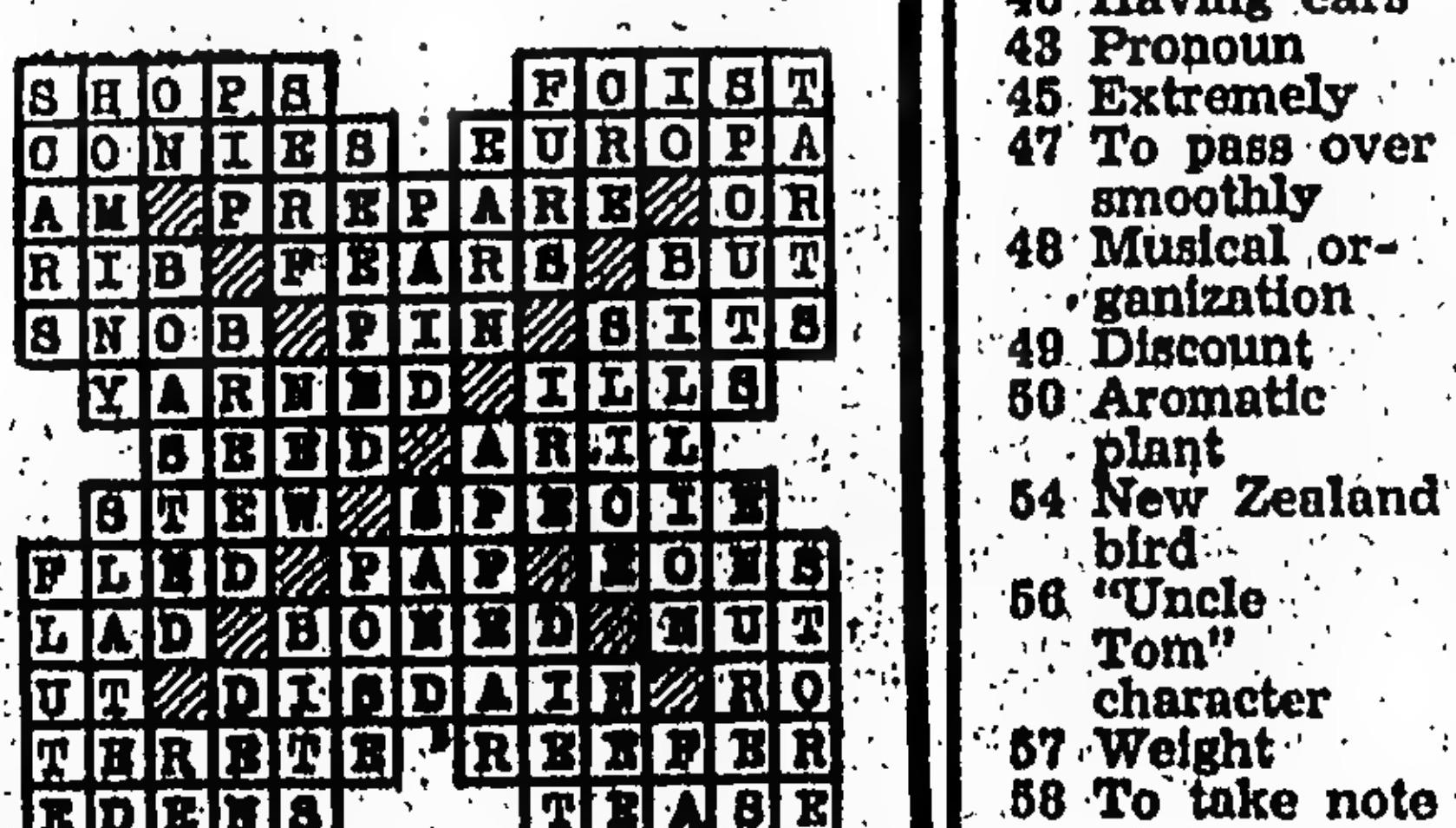
HORIZONTAL

- Sacred Buddhist language
- To support
- Meat from pig
- Later
- Heraldic bearing
- Beverage
- Substance
- Article
- To cut
- Goddess of discord
- Rounded roofs
- Entices
- Note of scale
- Presses
- Ethiopian title
- Lip
- To act
- Chooses
- Note of scale
- Greek letter
- Female ruff
- Verses
- Pronoun
- Vessels
- Nobleman
- To alide

VERTICAL

- Oriental title
- Part of "to be"
- Rias
- Insect egg
- Highway
- Cry of Bacchanals
- Female deer
- Valley
- Rational
- Knave in cards
- Literary scraps
- Destiny
- Places under restraint
- Pertaining to boron
- Teutonic deity
- Wing
- To tear
- Carpenter's tool
- Medicinal plant
- Cries like a cat
- Rubber
- Avenues
- Conjunction
- Assistant
- To run slowly
- Toward
- Pouch
- To overdo
- Roman road
- To long for
- French plural article
- Foolish behaviour
- Having ears
- Propoun
- Extremely
- To pass over smoothly
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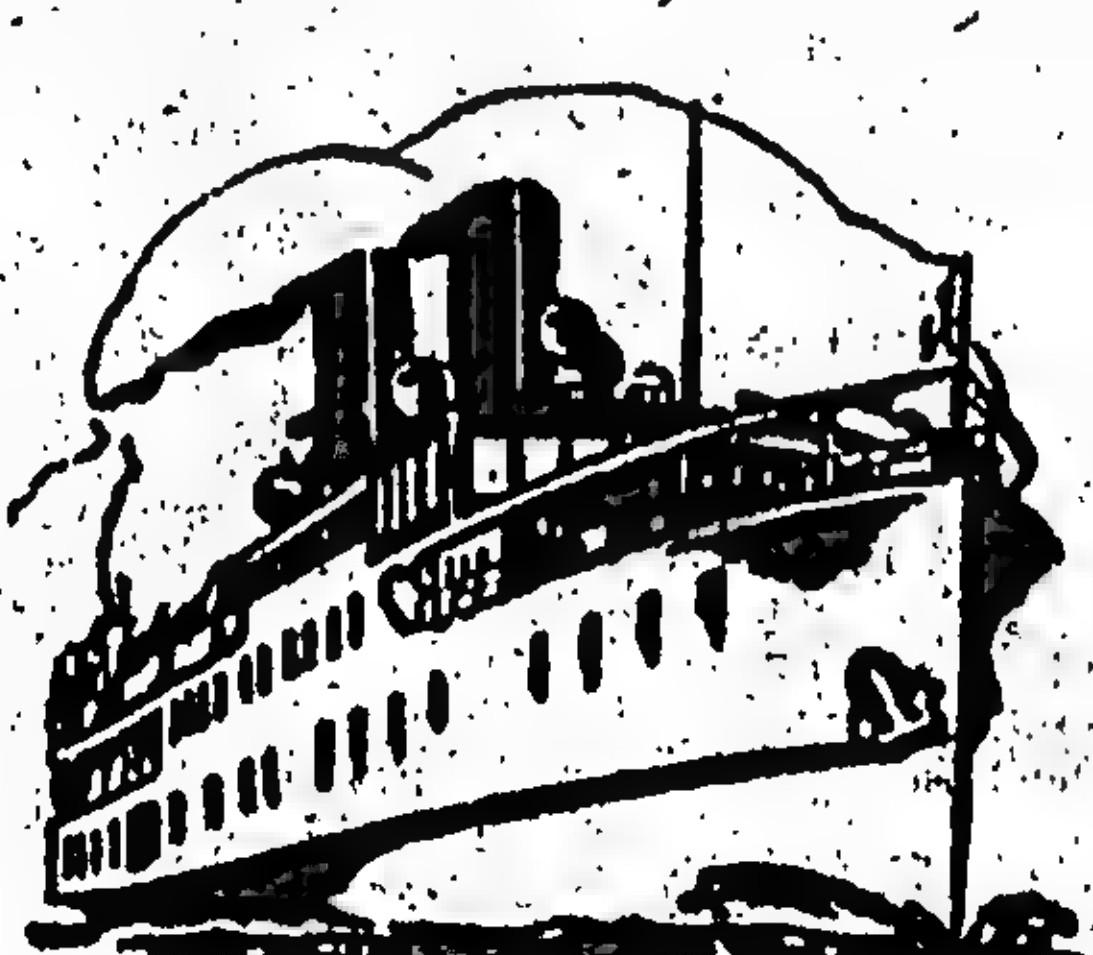
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Sir Stafford Cripps And Soviet RECTIFICATION OF FINNISH FRONTIER NECESSARY, BUT FORCE WAS A MISTAKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

"BRITAIN AND FRANCE committed a great mistake in not concluding an agreement with Russia last spring, for had they done so there would have been no European war," declared Sir Stafford Cripps, K.C., M.P., former member of the Labour Party, in an interview with the press here last evening.

Referring to the Soviet-Finnish war, he stated that the Russians were not surprised by the resistance as from the start they considered the Mannerheim Line as strong as the Maginot Line.

Sir Stafford added: "Rectification of the Soviet-Finnish frontier was necessary from the Russian viewpoint,

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but it was a mistake to try to effect it through force."

Questioned by the Havas correspondent regarding the situation in India, he pointed out that India was determined to have self-government sooner or later.

INDIA'S FUTURE

In answer to another question from the same correspondent on whether Japan was equally active in India, he replied that while Japan was interested in India's independence from a double viewpoint, from anti-Britainism and trade interests, it is obvious that India's independence would soon result in the industrialisation of the country and thus not only closing its own market to Japanese goods but even creating dangerous competition for Japan in foreign markets, particularly in the cotton goods market.

STAY IN CHUNGKING

Regarding his recent stay in Chungking, he stated that the Chinese Government was little concerned over Wang Ching-wel's Japanese-sponsored attempts. He emphasised that Communist influence in Chungking had been vastly over-rated.—Havas.

GRAF SPEE HEROES IN ULSTER

London, To-day. Viscount Craigavon, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, entertained at Parliament Buildings in Belfast yesterday a party of Ulster naval men who served in H.M.S. Exeter and Ajax in the Battle of the River Plate.—British Wireless.

GERMAN MESSAGE TO GOERING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

The German colony here has collaborated in sending a message to Nazi Field-Marshal Goering, reading as follows:—

"We members of the German nation have done our military service in Germany, but are living in Finland and are Finnish citizens.

"We appreciate the work done for this country by German culture and the German spirit of progress, and we ask you to see to it that the sacrifices made by Germany for this country will not be lost.

"We beg you to take the lead of the civilized nations in resisting these bloody monsters, whose planes bomb women and children and who are attacking this country, one of the bastions of civilization."

A MEMORIAL

Hango and other cities have seen similar messages addressed by their German communities to Hitler, but all have so far received no reply.

The appeal from Hango draws Hitler's attention to the fact that the memorial there, dedicated "To the German soldiers who helped Finland in the fight to free herself from Russian servitude," has been one of the main targets of the Soviet bombers.—Havas.



The Royal Air Force flying boats of the Coastal Command maintain a ceaseless watch over the seas. Photo shows a Sergeant Navigator checking his position with aid of a Bubble Sextant. A picture in one of the huge flying boats of the R.A.F. Coastal Command. (Copyright, Fox.)

GERMAN EFFORTS TO GET RUMANIA'S OIL

London, To-day. Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister for Economic Warfare, in reply to a Commons question whether during recent weeks German interests had intensified their efforts to acquire control of Rumanian oil companies, said the Government was fully aware that German interests were constantly making every effort to increase the quantities of oil available for purchase by Germany.

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ALLIES DEMAND THE BEST

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In this connexion there are strong indications in official quarters here that the Army and Navy Departments would oppose delaying their own expansion programmes.

Second reason is the efforts of the Allies to obtain the release of certain of the latest models of U.S. warplanes.

Official quarters hint that the latest models will be released for foreign sale only when the United States have still better machines in sight.

Although the authorities have decided to release the new 400 m.p.h. Curtiss P40 fighter, at least seven other types which are at present being manufactured under orders from the U.S. Air Corps, or which are ready for production, have been withheld from export.—Reuter.

JAPANESE CHARGED

A Japanese resident, Chikazo Yoshino, aged 50, who described himself as a clerk, was charged at Kowloon today with an offence under the Defence Regulations.

Det. Sergt. E. J. Stewart, of the Special Branch, prosecuting, said the police visited Yoshino's home at 18, Somerset Road, Kowloon Tong, and there, after being questioned, Yoshino produced a code-book. The police were, however, satisfied that the code was for commercial use only.

Yoshino told the Court that he had not used the book since the outbreak of the war between Britain and Germany. He had had it a long time; it was given to him by his company.

Mr. Hinsworth imposed a fine of \$20 and ordered confiscation of the book for the duration of the war.

WAR LOAN SUCCESS ASSURED

London, To-day. The stock exchange was quietly steady throughout the session.

Main interest was centred on the new War Loan.

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CONTRABAND CONTROL IN FAR EAST

London, To-day. The Minister of Economic Warfare stated at Commons question time that the whole subject of contraband control in the Far East was under consideration.

Mr. Cross also stated that by March 8 over 1,100,000 tons of contraband had been ordered to be seized by the Allied contraband committees of which the U.K. share was about half.

Eighteen hundred tons of enemy exports had been discharged and placed in prize by the British enemy exports committee.—British Wireless.

IMPERIAL TRADE

London, To-day. Answering a Commons question, Sir Andrew Duncan, President of the Board of Trade, said that in planning the development of export trade he would certainly bear in mind the special position of the Empire countries and the necessity to form an organisation for the expansion of Inter-Imperial trade, which would be necessary at the end of the war.—Reuter.

ANGLO-DANISH TRADE AGREEMENT

London, To-day. A wartime trade agreement was initialled yesterday on behalf of the British and Danish Governments to facilitate the normal flow of trade as far as possible under present conditions.

A committee already in existence will deal with questions arising under the new agreement.—Reuter.

Two smallpox cases, two diphtheria, one typhoid, six meningitis and 24 tuberculosis were notified to the Medical Department yesterday.

HITLER AND THE POPE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

For the first time in his life, Hitler yesterday sent a telegram of congratulations to Pope Pius XII on the occasion of the first anniversary of his accession.—Havas.

CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

The Army cross-country race was won by Rifleman Amar Singh, of Rajputana Rifles, with Naik Ahmed Khan, H.K.S.R.A., second, and Rifleman Bisban Khan, Kumaon Rifles, third.

The distance was six miles, starting from the Polo ground, round Kowloon City behind the rifle ranges, and back. The winner's time was 37 mins. 26 secs.

Altogether nine units participated, and the results were—1, Rajputana Rifles; 2, H.K.S.R.A.; 3, Kumaon Rifles; 4, 5th A.A.R.A.; 5, 12th Heavy Regiment, R.A.; 6, 8th Heavy Regiment, R.A.; 7, Middlesex; and 8, Royal Scots.

PONY ROUP

Among the racing ponies for auction at the Paddock of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, yesterday, but withdrawn later were: Plain View, Sports Venture, Tempest, Blaisdon, Cuban Love, and Black Diamond.

Cairntoul, was bought by D. L. Reidy, for \$250; Blue Skies by Chui Yu-din for \$50; Lucy Glitters by Nazoroff for \$145; Aztec by H. C. Pih for \$140; National Guard by V. V. Needa for \$75; Half Moon Eve by Yam Man-lo for \$205; Common View by H. Nolasco da Silva for \$105; Tribute by V. V. Needa for \$50; Pumelo by P. Botelho for \$425; Shine Again by Nazoroff for \$300; and Surprise Again by G. W. Sou for \$150.



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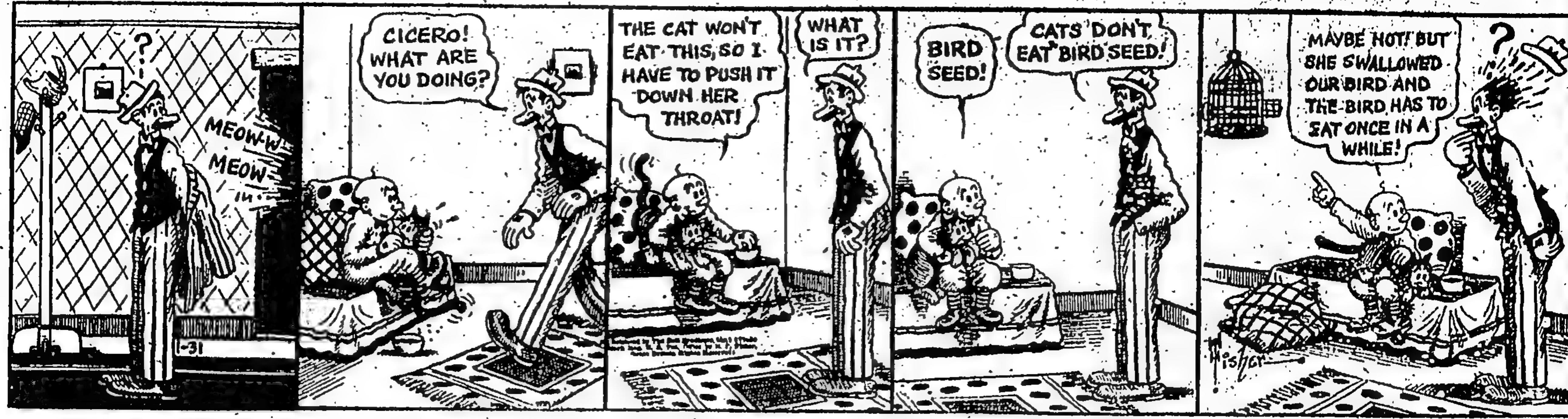
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6.00 p.m.—Schubert—Quartet No. 14 in D Minor ("Death and the Maiden"). Roth String Quartet.
 6.38 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
 6.40 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections. Mexican Serenade (Kaschubec); Novellette — Serenade (Henselt) ... Frederic Hippmann & His Orchestra. I'll Give You Away To God (Dr. Sandor Jeno); That Matchless Pair of Eyes (Pete & Falussy) ... Hungarian Gypsy Band. Tres Jolie (Jeffries); Le Petit Capitaine (Raquelle) ... Leslie Jeffries & His Orchestra. Les Nuits Moscovites—Waltz (from the French film); Natacha; Marche Tzigane (film "Les nuits moscovites") ... Alfred Rode & His Tzigane.

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M. 9.52 Megacycles

Dearest Love (from "Operette"—Noel Coward)... Leslie Jeffries & His Orchestra.
 7.08 p.m.—Billy Mayerl at the Piano. Billy Mayerl's Savoy Havana Memories. Intro: Kitten on the Keys; Ukelele Lady; What'll I Do; Carolina in the Morning; Chili-Com-Bom; Dancing Time; Keep on Humming; April Showers; Indian Love Call; I'll Build a Stairway to Paradise. Billy Mayerl's Own Selection. Intro: Pennywhistle; Marigold; Wistaria; Chopsticks; Ace of Spades; Ace of Hearts; Junior Apprentice; Hollyhock; Canaries Serenade; White-

heather.
 7.20 p.m.—Sea Shanties and Choruses. Johnny Come Down To Hilo; The Hog's Eye Man (arr. Terry).... Raymond Newell and Chorus with Piano.
 Down In Demerara (Trad.); Riding Down From Bangor; Solomon Levi Trad.).... Raymond Newell and the B.B.C. Male Chorus with Piano.
 7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
 8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
 8.03 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Minor, Op. 23. Egon Petri (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Joseph Tunbridge.
 10.07 p.m.—A Dance Programme.
 11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

Musical Comedy
"Please Teacher"

Goehr.
 8.38 p.m.—Violin Solos. Hungarian Dance No. 5 (Brahms); Menuet (Nash).... Wolfi with Otto Schulhof at the Piano.
 The Child and His Dancing Doll (Johnny Heykens) Albert Sandler with Samchitini ('Cello) and Byfield (Piano).
 8.45 p.m.—London Relay—"The Spirit of Austria". A Programme of Recollections.
 9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
 9.30 p.m.—Studio—"Some Great Authors"—4: Lamb. The fourth of a series of talks by Father Ryan, S.J.
 9.50 p.m.—Musical Comedy "Please Teacher". Bobby Howes and Company with the London Hippodrome Orchestra conducted by Joseph Tunbridge.
 10.07 p.m.—A Dance Programme.
 11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

Winning CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)

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WEST SQUEEZES EAST

Playing a contract of three notrump, South could see only eight tricks in sight. Furthermore, if South were to establish dummy's diamond suit, he would have to concede a diamond trick, in which event his opponents could run off enough tricks to set him. However, there was one way in which Declarer could surmount these obstacles:

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ 7 6 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ A 10 7 5 4
♣ K 3

A A Q 8 5 3 N ♠ J 9
♥ 10 9 4 ♥ Q J 7 5
♦ 6 2 ♦ Q J 9
♣ 8 6 4 ♣ J 10 9 2

♠ K 10 4
♥ A K 2
♦ K 8 3
♣ A Q 7 5

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 NT Pass 1 NT Pass
 2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass
 Pass Pass

West had opened a spade and South had captured East's Jack with his King. Perceiving that his best chance was to allow his opponents to run off their tricks, Declarer promptly played back the spade ten, whereupon West cashed his four tricks.

East chose the best discards available—namely, three hearts—and South let go of a heart and a diamond. Now a heart was played. Declarer won with the King, then played the Ace, this being

the squeezing card. East could see that if he discarded a diamond, dummy's three remaining diamonds would be good. Therefore he chose the lesser of two evils—a club. But now South was able to win all four tricks in clubs. He had made his contract by forcing West to squeeze his partner.

* * *

You were Oswald Jacoby's partner yesterday and held:

♠ K 10 x x x
♥ x x
♦ x x x
♣ x x

The bidding:
 Jacoby Schenken You Mater
 3NT Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is four spades. Your six-card spade suit may be enough for a Slam. Of course you do not intend to do any more bidding unless forced.

Score 100% for four spades, 70% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 357

Merwin Mater is your partner. You hold:

♠ K x x
♥ A Q x
♦ K 10 x x
♣ A Q J

The bidding:
 You Burnstone Mater Schenken
 1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass
 (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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POOR TENNIS AT H.K.C.C.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES
 G. W. Sewell (—4/6) beat A. T. Dow (—3/6)
 6—1, 7—5.
 CLUB HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES
 T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (—15) beat Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Burnett (—15.2), by 3—6, 6—3, 6—2.

TO-DAY'S GAMES

Following yesterday's poor game, to-day's programme does not look too inspiring. Three open matches are down for decision and the closest should be between R. G. Biesel Jr. and T. A. Pearce, with victory going to the latter by a narrow margin.

The steady Joe Leonard should not have a great deal of trouble against Omar Rumjahn despite the latter's experience, in the other single.

In the doubles, two unknowns in Dew Shing-cheong and Ip Koon-hung, will be opposed to the youthful L.R.C. combination, A. R. Kitchell and I. M. A. Razack.

OPEN SINGLES
 T. A. Pearce v. R. G. Biesel Jr. (4). Lam Kwan or J. W. Leonard v. O. Rumjahn (8).

OPEN DOUBLES
 Dow Shing Cheong and Ip Koon-hung v. A. R. Kitchell and I. M. A. Razack (8). CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES
 E. S. Hall (+1/6) v. F. Macleod (+1/6) (1).

V. R. Gordon (—4/6) v. C. H. R. Hyde (—30) (2). CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
 A. Lade v. B. C. Fay (3). C. B. Nicholson v. G. W. Sewell (6). A. H. Barwell v. J. J. Ferguson (7).



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CRICKET NOTES

**DENYER'S FINE CHANCE OF
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AT IT AGAIN!**

(By "ADREM")

Craigengower Cricket Club had a sorry time of it against Hong Kong Cricket Club in a friendly game, Capt. D. C. E. Grose flogging their attack for the second Saturday in succession for his second score of over 50.

Apart from Grose's innings, which was again featured by beautifully timed hitting, and a sound innings of 42 by Richardson, there was little of note in the match Club winning easily by 9 wickets.

Capt. Holmes, a left-hander, and McLellan did well with the ball and took 4 for 39 and 3 for 6, respectively.

A. J. Hulse and A. K. Ismail were the only Craigengower batsmen to make any runs, while their attack, without Francis Zimmern had a sorry time of it.

NAMES FROM THE PAST

Some names which appeared fairly regularly in the cricket scores on a Sunday morning about 10 years ago, again cropped up on Saturday, when China Light and Power Co., who used to turn out teams fairly regularly, took on a strongish Recreio team.

A. B. Clemo, who, as I remember him, bowled fair-paced round the wicket stuff, showed that there is still a lot of life in him whilst taking 5 for 47, and Bill Tillary, former D.B.S. boy, took 3 for 27.

In the batting department, Freddie Clemo did very well to score 31 not out against a by no means weak bowling side, while E. H. Brazel made 14.

China Light did not win but they have no reason to be ashamed of their display on Saturday.

**POSTPONED SENIOR
SOCCER MATCH**

Middlesex and St. Joseph's play their postponed First Division soccer fixture this afternoon at Sookunpoo at 5 p.m.

Saints have great difficulty in finding a team as several volunteer members of the team who were supposed to return from camp in time for the game are not available.

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**T.A. MADAR HAS SOME
LUCK AND
MAKES HALF-CENTURY**

(By "ADREM")

ONLY Senior League cricket match on Saturday saw the new champions, Kowloon Cricket Club, and Indian Recreation Club complete their League engagements for the season.

Result of the match was a draw, rather in favour of I.R.C., but it must be remembered that Kowloon were far from being at full strength and under the circumstances, can be considered to have done quite well.

Kowloon batted first and, although losing Duggie Hung fairly early, found run-getting a fairly simple matter on the true I.R.C. wicket. Francis Lay maintained his record for consistency in the Senior League with a correct innings of 27 and Ernie Fincher batted confidently for 22.

SOME JOSS FOR MADAR!

Biggest innings of the match was Tommy Madar's 53. I am told that this was far from being classical but Madar took full advantage of all the good fortune that came his way and is to be congratulated on his first League half-century of the season.

He placed his snicks with great accuracy and actually, reached his 50 with the help of two overthrows and a couple of beautiful off-drives to fine leg!

Donald Anderson, relieved of the responsibilities of opening, scored an attractive 38 in a very short time and is to be congratulated on reaching his 1,000 runs and Robbie Lee, following his dour knock against Recreio the previous week, again made runs, this time a useful 20.

**MERGER
BETWEEN
NAVY, R.A.F.**

(By "ADREM")

First match of the Triangular Hockey Tournament between Club and Army will be played this afternoon at Sookunpoo, commencing at 5 p.m. sharp.

Club's forward-line is difficult to recognise as that which has represented them for the greater part of the season and is composed for the most part of members of Central British Association. A notable absentee is G. E. R. Divett, the captain, who has been Club's main goal-getter over a long period.

The defence, however, is very strong, including as it does, no fewer than four Interporters.

I understand that a departure from the usual Triangular Tournament this year will be a merger between Navy and R. A. F. and so, for the first time in the history of the competition, all three services will be represented, although it will still be a triangular tournament.

Club's team for this afternoon is—V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and E. V. Reed; J. Pennington, W. A. Reed and N. B. M. Whitley; S. A. Fowler, T. S. D. Whitley, G. H. Fowler, B. I. Blackford and R. A. Bates. Following will represent Army—Sgt. Dobson (R.E.); Pte. Stickley (M'sex) and Datta Ram (Raja); Sgt. Ure (M'sex); Capt. Hook (R.A.) and Sgt. Croston (R.E.); Shah Wall (Raja), Sgt. Homburg (R.E.); Lt. Pratam Nath (Raja), Narain Singh (Kumans) and Partab Singh (Kumans).

ARMY CRICKET

**SAPPERS'
NARROW
VICTORY**

In the semi-final of the Army Large Units' Knockout Competition, Royal Engineers beat Royal Artillery by 4 runs at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon.

ROYAL ENGINEERS			
Capt. D. C. E. Grose, l.b.w.	Ward	.....	5
Capt. W. T. L. Wilkinson, run out	.....	46	
Sgt. Shipp, run out	.....	13	
Sgt. Ratcliffe, c Barsby, b Ward	.....	0	
L/Cpl. Shaw, l.b.w., Barsby	.....	15	
Capt. F. L. Freeman, not out	.....	37	
Sgt. Bailey, not out	.....	10	
Extras (B10, LB1)	.....	11	
Total (for 5 wickets dec.)	.....	137	
L/Cpl. Pelham, Sgt. Denyer, Sgt. Megson and Major W. W. Parsons did not bat.	.....	

Bowling Analysis			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Barsby	8	1	45
Ward	2	0	19
Dobbinson	4	0	19
Thorpe	2	0	15
Plummer	4	0	28

ROYAL ARTILLERY			
Brig. T. McLeod, b Parsons	35	
Capt. Ingram, b Ratcliffe	17	
Capt. Hook, b Ratcliffe	7	
Lt. Plummer, c Shipp, b Denyer	15	
Lt. Skipworth, l.b.w., Parsons	5	
Gnr. Barsby, c Shipp, b Parsons	0	
Major Templer, b Shaw	30	
B.Q.M.S. Searle, b Parsons	1	
Ward, b Shaw	11	
Dobbinson, not out	3	
Thorpe, b Parsons	1	
Extras (BB8)	8	
Total	133	
Bowling Analysis			
O.	M.	R.	W.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Ratcliffe	4	1	30
Megson	2	1	10
Denyer	8	0	43
Parsons	6.1	0	20
Shipp	2	0	14
Shaw	2	0	8

**GILLESPIE, NANCARROW
AND COOK BEAT C.C.C.**

(By "ADREM")

PROBABLY the biggest upset in the cricket season to date was the defeat of Craigengower by Royal Air Force on Saturday.

Air Force have had a most difficult time of it trying to carry out their League commitments. Their team is not now to be recognised as the one with which they started the season. Their finest cricketer, Pilot Officer New, has left the Colony, as have Waddington and several others.

Gillespie, however, recently struck his best form with the ball and this to a very large extent has been responsible for their improvement.

NANCARROW AGAIN

J. Nancarrow, has also been a stalwart. There have been very few occasions when he has failed with both the bat and the ball. On Saturday he distinguished himself with both, and this fact, combined with Gillespie's form with the ball, proved decisive factors in Craigengower's defeat, which practically kills any chances they might have had prior to this match, of winning the championship.

Craigengower's acknowledged batsmen were all at sea when playing Gillespie and had their tail not wagged to some extent, they would not have reached even 87.

Gillespie took 5 for 24 and Nancarrow 3 for 17.

A partnership between Nancarrow and Cook for the fourth wicket which realised 56 runs in 39 minutes, placed R.A.F. on the road to victory and they won eventually by 8 wickets.

GOOD WIN FOR POLICE

Police kept themselves in the running for the championship with a good

win over K.C.C., who have had an extraordinarily poor season. Reggie Broadbridge and Gray were the only K.C.C. batsmen to make anything like a showing against steady Police bowling and they contributed 88 to the total of 132.

Left-handed Lewis bowled very aggressively for Police and Danbrowsky took his usual quota of wickets near the end. Clifford Pope and Harry Loughlin were largely responsible for Police knocking off the runs although Clarke, Hunter and Danbrowsky all did their little bit.

Luke, in taking 3 for 20 as the outcome of some good bowling, celebrated the capture of his first wickets of the season, while Simpson, also after a lean spell, finished up with 3 for 27.

MACLEOD'S CENTURY

Brigadier MacLeod's century was the chief feature of the match at the Valley between Army and Civil Service in which the latter did well to force a draw after facing a total of 206.

Actually none of the Army batsmen were ever in very much difficulty against the mediocre Civil Service attack and Gardner, Capt. Lawrence and Major Swyer all made runs.

When stumps were drawn, Civil Service had scored 99 for 5, G. Stone having 27 and J. F. MacGowan 25 not out.

The game was marred by a nasty accident to K. Attwell, who was cut badly above the eye.

BADMINTON**EARDLEY'S PROSPECTS AGAINST COLONY'S BEST***Fine Smash And Drive; Not As Subtle As Chinese***CHAMPIONSHIP TIES AT KING'S COLLEGE**

(By "ADREM")

CONSIDERING THE PLAYERS on view, last night's Open Doubles championship events at King's College must be considered disappointing.

It is probable that the difficult lighting had an upsetting effect on all who played but rarely have I seen a match in this class of badminton in which there were so many errors.

Both matches, however, went the whole distance and at certain stages excitement was not lacking. As expected H. Eardley, former Shanghai champion, and Norman Smith, a pair playing in Junior Division, beat the formidable J. J. Remedios—L. A. Carvalho combination, while another St. John's pairing in the Kwok brothers, after a poor start, forced C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chin all the way and only just lost after establishing a lead in the final stages of the third game.

FAST PACE

Eardley and Smith started off at such a pace that their opponents were completely demoralised. Smashing, driving, rushing service, the St. John's pair swept all before them and went out in quick time at 15-8.

The opening of the second game was much the same and it appeared fairly certain that Eardley and Smith would go out in straight games. With the Recreio pair improving, however, and both Eardley and Smith making numerous errors, Carvalho and Remedios wiped off the deficit and went on to lead 14-11. A splendid late rally by the opposition proved just insufficient to save the day and the scores were tied at a game all, Eardley and Smith drawing up to 13-14 but being unable to force a "set."

The St. John's pair made no mistake in the final game and changed over at 8 without having conceded an ace. They then led 11-0 and despite a gallant effort by Remedios and Carvalho, who ran off a string of six aces, they went out for game and match at 15-8.

LITTLE SUBTLETY

Eardley and Smith are a powerful combination when permitted to dictate terms but I don't think they can compare with the better University and Chinese "Y" combinations. Eardley is essentially a "straightforward" player, by which I mean he indulges more in honest to goodness hitting with little variety in the way of direction and pace. His short game is far inferior to the normal Chinese. His coverage of court and quick eye, however, make him a very hard man to beat outright.

Smith is possessed of a very nice angle drop and also hits hard but he too has much to learn in the matter of courtcraft.

Game between C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chin and the Kwok brothers was one between attack and defence. The University pair maintained a consistent attack throughout the first game and although David Kwok was able to match them for speed and pace, his brother was not and so the senior players took the game with the loss of five aces.

In the second game Frank Kwok improved somewhat and managed to obtain more depth to his clearing shots. He also started to retrieve smashes; result was the Kwoks managed to emerge at the right end of a close score on their opponents' errors.

Final game saw the Kwoks once again on the defensive but they improved, overhauled their opponents and led 11-10. They did not secure another ace and the University emerged narrow winners.

LITTLE UNDERSTANDING

The Kwoks showed little understand-

ing and David was too inclined to take on more of the work than he should have done. He was, however, much the better of the two players.

There was little to chose between

RESULTS

- H. Eardley and Norman Smith beat J. J. Remedios and L. A. Carvalho 15-8, 13-15, 15-8.
C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chin beat D. Kwok and F. H. Kwok 15-6, 15-17, 15-11.
H. T. Woo and K. L. Yung beat F. Koh and C. Y. Yung 8-15, 15-8, 15-8.

TONIGHT'S BADMINTON**ST. ANDREW'S SHOULD BEAT ST. TERESA'S**

(By "ADREM")

There should be an interesting game in "B" Division of the Badminton League this evening; it is between St. Teresa's and St. Andrew's and the result will mean a lot to the former team as, having lost two matches, they are still in the running for the championship but must beat St. Andrew's to stay there.

St. Andrew's have now settled down into a difficult side to beat and having regard to their balance, I expect them to win.

They have two good pairs in E. F. Fincher and H. Kew, and A. E. Brown and W. Gillies, while A. S. Bliss and A. E. P. Guest, although somewhat weaker than the others, should be able to at least beat St. Teresa's third string.

St. Teresa's will again be without Francis Tsang and, in consequence, will have a very weak third string in John Chen and F. Chong.

Match between Kowloon Cricket Club and Kowloon Tong has been postponed and so only other match will be between Recreio and V.R.C. The former team should win easily.

PROGRAMME

- St. Teresa's v St. Andrew's
Recreio v V.R.C.
St. Andrew's—H. Kew and E. F. Fincher; A. E. Brown and B. Gillies; A. E. P. Guest and A. S. Bliss.
St. Teresa's—Peter Lo and J. Tsang; Adis Ho and J. Lam; John Chen and F. Chong.
Recreio—A. E. Xavier and H. A. Barros; R. A. Marques and H. Gonsalves; N. Beltrao and V. H. Oliviera.
V.R.C.—S. A. Rumjahn and M. de V. Soares; J. Souza and A. K. Rumjahn; A. Botelho and A. A. Guterres.

Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY TEAMS

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. at hockey this week:

"A" XI against Royal Signals ("Y" ground, 5 p.m. to-morrow).—Benwell; Jordan and Grant; Smits, McLellan and Ireson; Macey, Corser, Pennington, Colledge and Highlands.

1st XI against Royal Scots ("Y" ground, 4.15 p.m., Saturday).—Benwell; Taylor and Yourself; Kempton, Pennington and Coombes; Corser, Gemmill White, Ely and Bates.

(Other Sport On Page 15)

ROLLING FOOT ACTION**BY BEST BELL**

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HENRY PICARD'S FOOT ACTION

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R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.) CLUB

An Extraordinary General Meeting will take place at 8 p.m. on THURSDAY, 14th March, 1940.

BUSINESS:

To receive from the committee a Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the preceding financial year.

R. R. SMITH,
Hon. Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, 23rd and MONDAY, 25th March, 1940, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 14th March, 1940.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 11th March, 1940.

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G. V. HOBBS,
Surgeon Captain,
Medical Officer in Charge.
Royal Naval Hospital,
Hong Kong, 13th March, 1940.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 9th March, 1940 to Saturday, 16th March, 1940 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 26th February, 1940.

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PARIS, TO-DAY.
ALTHOUGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS FREQUENTLY PERFORM THE MUSIC OF GERMAN MASTERS, DESPITE THE WAR, SEVERAL SPECTATORS INTERRUPTED THE TANNHAUSER OVERTURE BY THE LAMOUREUX ORCHESTRA AT THE CHATELET THEATRE, DEMANDING THAT WAGNER MUSIC BE STRUCK FROM THE PROGRAMME AND REPLACED BY DEBUSSY.

Other spectators violently protested, and finally the pro-Wagnerians had the last word, the orchestra ending the concert with the Tannhauser Overture, with great success, thereby showing that the majority of French music-lovers know no frontiers for music.

Apparently the protest against Wagner was caused by Hitler's love of some of the fiery passages in Wagner's works.—Havas.

MEATLESS DAYS

Paris, To-day.
Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays are to be meatless days in France, under a new rationing decree issued last night.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclonic area has moved north-eastwards to the Loochoos and south Japan. Depressions are situated over the Yellow Sea and in the vicinity of Hokkaido.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
LIU JEN-SUI, COUNSELLOR OF WANG CHING-WEI'S SOCIAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, AND HIS WIFE, WERE ATTACKED WITH AXES BY TERRORISTS AT THEIR FRENCH CONCESSION HOME YESTERDAY MORNING.

While the assailants were making good their escape the victims were rushed first to the Chinese Red Cross Hospital and later to the Foo Min Hospital, in Hongkew.

Liu Jen-sui sustained four wounds in the head and stomach and his wife two wounds. The condition of both is serious.—Havas.

WATCHMAN WHO FAILED

Tam Hong, 23, watchman, was cautioned by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, when charged with neglect of duty.

Sergeant Estall, said defendant was employed by the China Construction Company as a watchman at Shouson Hill. Next morning, Mr. Sherwood, the storekeeper, found a magazine had been broken into, and articles valued at \$182 stolen.

Mr. P. J. Sherwood said defendant would be dismissed.

THE NEXT BLACK-OUT

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There is still no news of the attitude of the Finnish Diet to the peace terms signed in Moscow and it seems highly probable that a violent debate is in progress.

Should the Finnish Diet reject the peace terms, Britain will make new representations to Sweden to facilitate the passage of aid to Finland, informed circles state.

Sweden will be asked to modify the ban against the passage of troops and equipment through its territory. The request will be made under the sanctions provision of the Covenant of the League of Nations.

Finnish circles in London make no secret of their delight at Mr. Chamberlain's promise to send effective help if it is asked for. His speech will have a vital bearing on the Diet discussion, they say, and might lead to a change in the Prime Ministership.—Havas.

Macao, To-day..

Conscript labour is being used by the Japanese military to repair the Macao-Shekki highway which was torn up by the Chinese.

The name of the "puppet" Magistrate at Shek-ki has not yet been disclosed, and it is reported that the Japanese are planning to occupy Wantsai Island, opposite Macao.

Sovereignty over this island has never been settled between the Portuguese and Chinese authorities, and speculation is rife regarding what action the Portuguese authorities will take in the event of an attempt by the Japanese to occupy the island.—Our Own Correspondent.

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